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Failure a 'disaster' for Britain

Major: why I won't quit EMU talks

By Philip Webster, political editor

BRITAIN must stay in the single currency negotiations to prevent the rest of Europe fudging the terms of entry and creating a failed monetary union that would be a disaster for the country and the continent, John Major writes in *The Times* today.

The Prime Minister, who will meet fellow European leaders at an informal summit on the future of the EU in Dublin today, offers his most detailed defence yet of his "wait and see" approach in an attempt to prevent next week's Conservative conference descending into a battle over whether membership of a single currency should be ruled out for the lifetime of the next parliament.

He says that Britain must be in the talks because monetary union will have a deep impact on this country whether it joins or not. He also promises to accept the verdict of a referendum that would be called if the Government wanted to go ahead, although he indicates for the first time some doubt about whether a single currency will be introduced on target in 1999.

Mr Major's article on page 20 is intended to be a definitive statement of the Government's position through to the election and beyond and to take the heat out of an issue that will almost certainly dominate the Bournemouth gathering next week. His decision to concentrate on the importance of Britain staying in the talks to influence the shape of monetary union, whether or not Britain is in it, marks a subtle change of emphasis.

He writes: "If EMU goes ahead, with or without us, it is in our interest to ensure that it does so on a basis and timetable that can be sustained. A failed single currency would be a disaster. Our European partners buy 60 per cent of our exports. Our countries are major investors in their economies.

"If they destabilise their economies and the single market — for example by fudging the criteria for entry — the British economy will suffer as well. We have a strong interest in a thriving European economy so Britain's voice must be heard in the discussion of how a single currency would work."

By staying at the centre of the debate, the Government had already ensured that the exchange-rate mechanism remains voluntary and was best-placed to resist protectionist measures damaging to Britain's interests, he says. "We will continue to do so. That is in Britain's interest. That is what the City and business expect from us. We must remain closely involved in the debate about the future of our largest market."

Mr Major says the right course is to make a choice about the single currency only when the issues are clear. But he denies that such an approach is a "balancing act". There were many unknowns that could affect Britain. "At the most basic level we cannot yet be sure EMU will go ahead as planned in 1999. We don't yet know who is likely to be in the first wave if and when it goes ahead."

It is not yet known how much economic convergence will have been achieved or how strictly the economic criteria will be adhered to. He says: "We also need to weigh the effect of being in or out on the City as one of the major financial centres in the world."

Reaffirming his commitment to a referendum, he says: "If we decide to go ahead in the next parliament, we would consult the British nation in a referendum and accept their verdict. If we think it right to stay out we will do so."

Eurosceptics are expected to press Mr Major to of Britain's place at the talks to try to stop other states joining the single currency in the first wave.

John Redwood, last year's leadership challenger, will tell GMTV tomorrow that only Luxembourg would qualify, but other countries would want to "stretch and weave and duck around the treaty". Britain should work away diplomatically to say 'no' to a "half-baked scheme put through on the basis of dubious legality".

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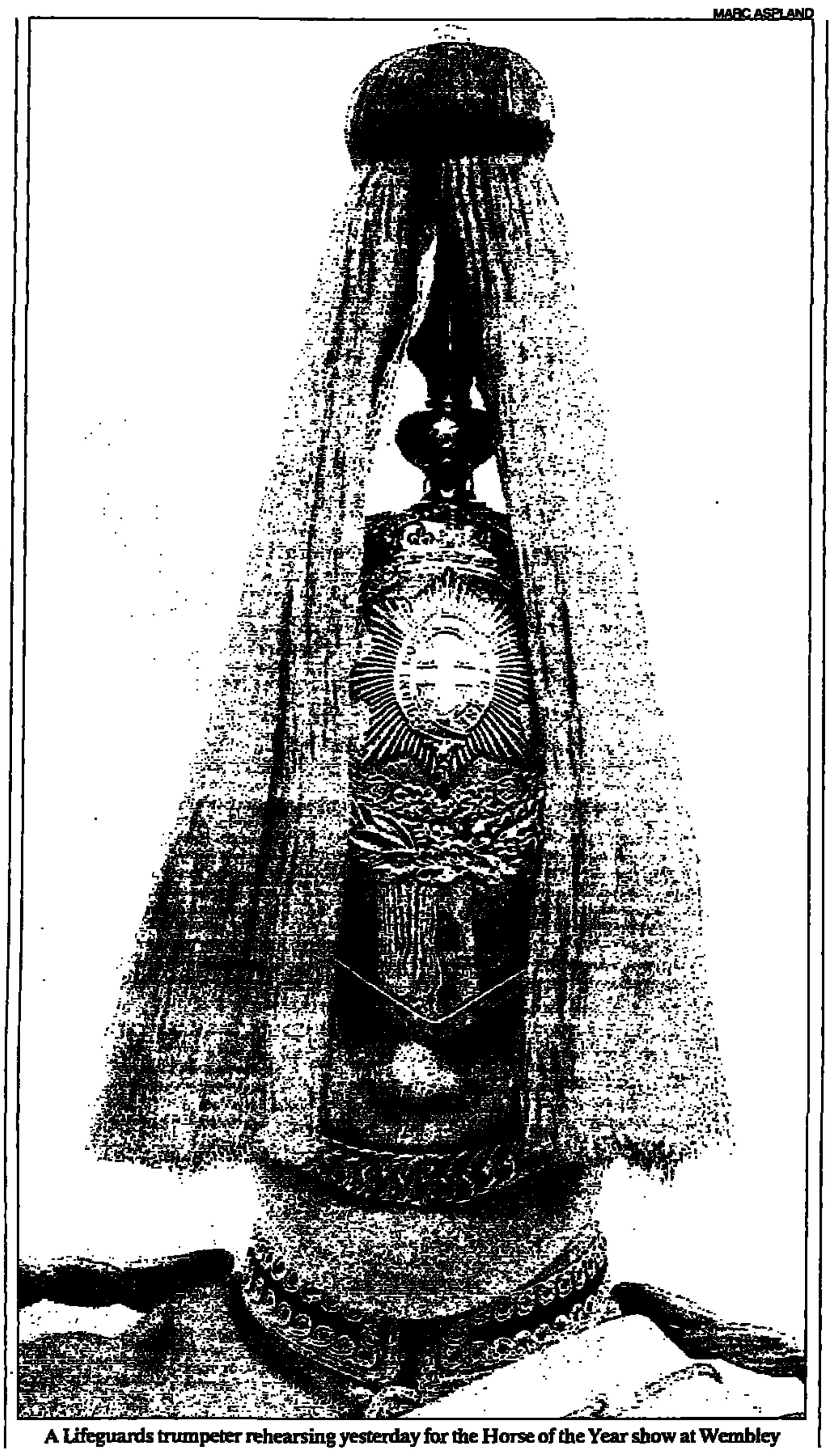


A Lifeguards trumpeter rehearsing yesterday for the Horse of the Year show at Wembley

Prince's top aide loses post after royal summit

By Alan Hamilton

COMMANDER Richard Aylard, the Prince of Wales's private secretary, is to leave his post early next year.

The decision was taken at a private meeting between the two men at Balmoral on Thursday. Sources at St James's Palace insisted last night that the parting was by mutual agreement, but it was clear that Commander Aylard, 44, had effectively been dismissed.

A spokeswoman for the Prince said last night that Commander Aylard had taken the job in 1991 for a five-year period, and had now served 5½ years. "He has always told the Prince that he would leave at some stage: both men now feel that the time is right for a change," the spokeswoman said.

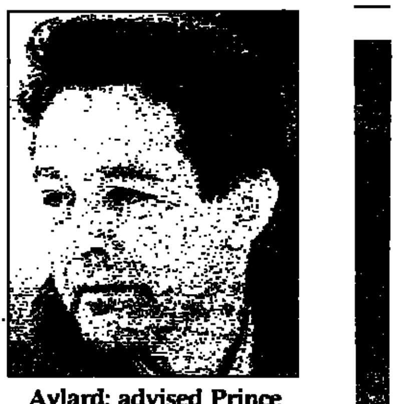
A replacement is expected to be announced soon: the front-runners are likely to be Stephen Lamport, the Prince's assistant private secretary, who was recruited from the Foreign Office, and Mark Boland, another assistant secretary, who trained as a lawyer and was recently recruited from the Press Complaints Commission.

Commander Aylard's fate appears to have been sealed when he attended the recent Balmoral summit with senior members of the Royal Family and their principal advisers. His consistent loyalty to the Prince during the heir to the throne's separation and eventual divorce did not endear him to the old guard of Buckingham Palace courtiers led by Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary.

Throughout the Prince's marital difficulties, Commander Aylard encouraged him to adopt a policy of openness. It was he who advised the Prince to confess adultery with Camilla Parker Bowles in the 1994 ITV documentary made by Jonathan Dimbleby, and since then he is believed to have favoured a gradual introduction of Mrs Parker Bowles into the public eye, in the hope that she would gain a wider acceptance.

However, Commander Aylard's policy of honesty did not gain the approval of Buckingham Palace, determined at all costs to repair the damage of the Prince's divorce. The Prince's confession of adultery prompted the Princess of Wales to make her own televised confession about an affair with Major James Hewitt; from the lofty heights of Buckingham Palace, the whole coinage of royalty appeared to be in a downward spiral of devaluation.

The private secretary's own personal circumstances did not help him; he is currently in divorce proceedings with his second wife, with whom he has two young daughters.



Aylard: advised Prince to adopt "open" policy

Pesticide blamed for Gulf illness

Some of the servicemen and women suffering from so-called Gulf War syndrome may have been poisoned by pesticides used in heavy doses to kill off a plague of disease-carrying flies and bugs in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, according to the latest research by the Ministry of Defence ....Page 2

Record century for teenager

Pakistan cricketer Shahid Afridi, 16, set a one-day international record in Nairobi yesterday when he scored a century off 37 balls against Sri Lanka in their four nations tournament match.

The all-rounder hit 11 sixes and six fours — a display that one spectator said "looked more like baseball"... Page 48

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Cocaine question hangs over US election debate

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

AS PRESIDENT Clinton and Bob Dole prepared for their first presidential debate in Hartford, Connecticut, tomorrow night two startling allegations were levelled against the President and his Administration yesterday.

Emmett Tyrrell, editor of the right-wing *American Spectator* magazine, claimed Mr Clinton was refusing to release his medical records because he was a heavy cocaine user in the early 1980s and may have been treated for an overdose.

Dennis Sculimbrene, a former FBI agent who checked the backgrounds of White House employees until last April, told *The Wall Street Journal*, equally right-wing, that "about 25 per cent of the incoming administration ... had a problem with illegal drugs. Not just casual experimentation, but a pattern of usage ... not just marijuana but cocaine, amphetamines, amphetamine-derived 'designer' drugs such as Ecstasy, hashish, mushrooms." The drug-takers included "senior aides and advisers to the President".

The allegations were the latest in a long series of charges bought by Mr Clinton's political enemies since 1992. None have ever been proved or dismissed, but what intrigued Washington yesterday was whether Mr Dole would find an oblique way of raising them before a live television audience of perhaps 80 million tomorrow.

Would he challenge Mr Clinton to release his medical records? Would he insist the President rule out second-term pardons for convicted Whitewater associates who might otherwise co-operate with the special prosecutor? Would he demand publication of a suppressed FBI report that allegedly excoriates Mr Clinton for lack of leadership on drug abuse? "The unexpected is the secret of the battlefield," teased Scott Reed, Mr Dole's campaign manager.

Mr Dole, trailing badly with one month left before polling day, must rock Mr Clinton to retain any hope of winning, but the risks of a slashing attack are great. He would instantly revive the mean "hatchet man" image that has dogged him since his 1976 vice-presidential debate against Walter Mondale, when he snarled that Vietnam, Korea and the Second World War were "Democrat wars".

Both men have hidden themselves away with large retinues to prepare — Mr Dole at his Florida condominium and Mr Clinton, on a rural New York estate.

Brady: she allegedly misled fans on prices

Top woman in football sent for trial

By Michael Horsnell and Peter Ball

KARREN BRADY, managing director of Birmingham City football club, was committed for trial yesterday on charges of advertising misleading prices for away match tickets last year.

David Sullivan, the first division club's owner, and the directors immediately threatened to sell, blaming Birmingham City Council and some supporters for the litigation.

Miss Brady, 27, the only woman at such a level in English football, and the club each face five counts under the Consumer Protection Act. The prosecution is over the club charging supporters £15 to join their Away Travel Club, the only way they could obtain tickets for away games. That has now been scrapped.

Gun fanatic put in charge of armoury at club

By Stewart Tendler and Kate Alderson

A DISTURBED gun enthusiast who drew up plans for a Hungerford-style massacre of passers-by and the police officers who took away his gun licence succeedin in becoming an armourer at his local gun club, it was disclosed yesterday.

Jason Curtis, 27, lost his firearms certificate to hold 19 weapons two years ago when police were concerned at his threats to shoot intruders, but continued to have lawful access to some of them which he had given to his gun club. He also imported weapon parts from the United States and continued to make his own ammunition.

Last night as Curtis, from Llandridnon, Powys, was sent by a judge to Ashworth Hospital, Merseyside, for psychiatric assessment after pleading guilty to four firearms charges, senior police officers believed they had narrowly averted another massacre.

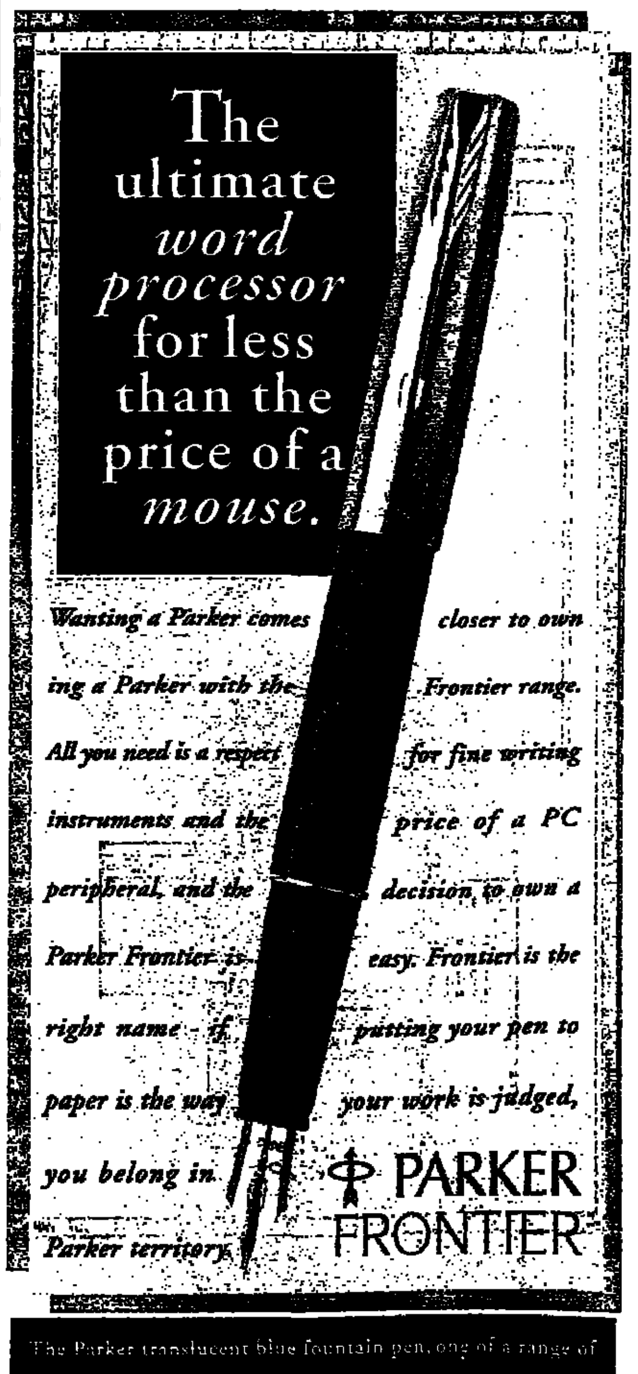
One, who described Curtis as "a walking time bomb", said the way he had "weaved" his way round the gun laws. Coming a month before the publication of Lord Cullen's report on Dunblane the case is certain to be taken up by gun reformers such as the Snowdrop Group, which called for a total gun ban at the Labour Party conference this week.

According to police, Curtis drafted a five-page plan in which he detailed walking into the town's police station and shooting down an inspector and two PCs involved in seizing his firearms certificate. Curtis then planned to walk home shooting passers-by as he went. He would end the massacre by waiting for armed police to arrive and die in a shootout.

Remanding Curtis for the assessment, Recorder Alex Carlile QC at the Mold Crown Court described the case as serious. "This is a man who on the face of it poses a very specific danger to certain police officers and possibly a general danger because of his attitude to firearms."

Curtis, who lived on his own and was known as a "loner" with a life-long fascination for guns, lost his certificate when he applied to hold four or five more guns two years ago. When a policeman checked security at his home Curtis assured him the guns would be safe and threatened that he would kill anyone trying to break in.

Police forced Curtis to lose his certificate and he never forgave the officers involved. In June this year he was stopped for a drugs check and his home was searched. The search revealed the plan.



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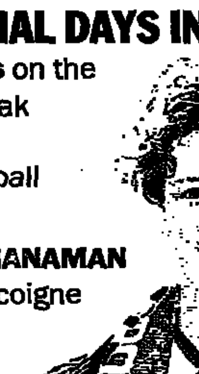

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Blunder makes Party go with a bang

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

It was a pretty loud bang and everybody thought a bomb had gone off. Or had someone been shot? The music stopped. Delegates dancing in the aisles froze. There was complete silence as people stared around in alarm.

Then from above came a rain of little leaflets — *Vote Labour* — fired from the Winter Gardens balcony. There was a brave "three cheers". Labour's composure returned but it took time. Until the music restarted, people milled distractedly around, the mood of celebration shattered.

It was the first and only big blunder in a week otherwise almost without incident, and it came in the closing minutes. As delegates and journalists left Blackpool, it remained unclear how the mistake could *have been made*. Why was the explosion so loud? Why did they halt the music?

Everything about the closing rally had been going so well. John Prescott had been welcomed with a standing ovation even before he spoke. After the now-routine video (the novelty of conference videos is gone and people are growing bored with them) he made a rousing speech with some good jokes, some bad jokes and some indifferent ones. All alike were greeted with gales of laughter from a rank and file in whose eyes Mr Prescott can do no wrong.

There were moments during *his patter when we wondered* whether we had wandered into the wrong arena at Blackpool and found ourselves watching Frank Carson, with Eddie Large's voice.

Labour's deputy leader did his best to keep to his prereleased text — Mr Prescott's controllers now steer him away from all unscripted encounters with Britain — but there was one stumble and it proved the bit delegates loved best. Losing the crib-card of Labour's promises he had planned to hold up, Prescott exploded: "I knew this would happen. You know me. I'm old Labour. Got to use my own words."

Everybody cheered. Spin-doctors' video-pagers flashed "off-message" warnings to *new* Labour's command-control centre on the Planet Vanilla. "Off-message" is the PR-speak for signals out of line with the desired image. "We believe in socialist principles!" declared Prescott. *Off-message — Beep — Urgent — Abort.*

Yet some of the best of Labour's conference has been off-message — or superfluous to the gloss which some want to project. For this is still a party with kindness and idealism in its ranks. The night before Prescott's speech I found myself in a room without videos or flashy displays, for a reception for Alf Morris MP, who is retiring.

The compassionate and tireless Morris has worked for decades for the disabled: Sense (the deaf blind association) together with Alzheimer's and muscular dystrophy groups wanted to thank him. Tony Blair, who must have been exhausted, took the trouble to come and made a moving speech.

Off-message or not, delegates gave Prescott a rousing ovation yesterday, and all went well — before the bang. But what a change that explosion wrought! The edgy confidence the party has exuded all week evaporated instantly. One bang, one bad stumble, and it was as though delegates feared they had only been dreaming and the game was up. Would a giant spectre of Mrs Thatcher come winging, bat-like, through the hall, as everyone ran screaming for cover?

Confidence returned. Cameramen ambushed a toddler dancing to *It Can Only Get Better*. Scared by the camera flashes, the child stopped and began to cry. Image of weeping babe. *Off-message! Off-message!* The toddler was hauled away.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cattle cull backlog on farms

At least 400,000 over-age cattle are waiting on farms to be destroyed in response to the BSE scare, more than twice the previous estimate, the Government said.

To deal with the "fresh emergency", ministers promised measures soon to raise the slaughter rate from 35,000 to 55,000 a week and to help farmers, who face the expense of having to keep unproductive animals for up to an extra three months.

Car murder

A man who ran over his sister-in-law three times after she abandoned an arranged marriage was jailed for life for murder at Leeds Crown Court yesterday. Shabir Hussain of Bradford killed Tasleem Sadiq Begum as she met a lover.

Poison dog dies

Dog owners were warned yesterday to guard their pets when a fourth dog died after walking on grass near a housing estate at Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees. Three earlier deaths were caused by pesticide-laced bait.

Maginnis cleared

Police are to take no action against the Ulster Unionist MP Ken Maginnis over allegations of *assault at his London* flat. He was questioned after a neighbour claimed he was struck when he went to complain about noise.

Tester jailed

Andrew Stone, 32, of Fareham, Hampshire, a *convicted fraudster used by Which?* to test cashpoints, was jailed for 5½ years at Southwark Crown Court, southeast London, after he went on to plunder £130,000.

Pay de deux

Two teachers who were unfairly dismissed from the renowned Elmhurst Ballet *School in Camberley, Surrey*, by a new headmaster who thought they were too old-fashioned won a total of more than £20,000 compensation.

Peace award

Senator George *Mitchell* is to receive a peace award for his efforts to foster a settlement in Northern Ireland. The chairman of the multi-party talks will receive the accolade from the cross-border group Co-Operation North.

Ex-director jailed

Nigel Burrows, 42, of Bedale, North Yorkshire, a former director of Manchester United football club, was jailed for two years yesterday at Sheffield Crown Court for stealing £145,000 a *widow had given* him to invest.

MoD discovery throws new light on Gulf War syndrome

Pesticides might have poisoned service personnel

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Nicholas Soames, left, the defence minister, told Michael Colvin, of the defence committee, of findings

PESTICIDES might have poisoned some of the servicemen *and women suffering* from so-called Gulf War syndrome, according to the latest Ministry of Defence research. The pesti*cides were used in heavy doses* against a plague of disease-*carrying* flies and bugs in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

A senior MoD official said the discovery that British troops serving in the Gulf in 1990 and 1991 had been engaged in much *larger-scale* pesticide spraying than had been realised did not solve the mystery over the many illnesses affecting hundreds of Gulf War veterans. "This is not the answer for those claiming to be suffering from Gulf War syndrome but it could be a factor." He said it was sufficiently important a discovery for it to be thoroughly reviewed by a special MoD *medical assessment team* headed by Group Captain Bill Coker, a consultant physician who has been examining all those claiming to be suffering from Gulf War *syndrome*.

MoD medical experts said *the organophosphate* pesticides, similar to ones used in *sheep-dipping* although in much smaller doses, would *have caused serious sickness* almost immediately if inhaled during spraying.

Organophosphate insecticides, *including diazinon*, which is acknowledged to be a dangerous substance if used without proper protection, were sprayed on all the British military tents because of the "large problem of flies" affecting British troops in Saudi Arabia. The Americans who were also suffering from plagues of flies and bugs, used the same insecticides.

The MoD medical experts said the *number* of British military personnel possibly suffering from pesticide poisoning would have been small, affecting those involved in carrying out the spraying. One official said it might have been only about half a dozen.

The medical reports on the *750 Gulf War veterans examined* so far will now be *reviewed to see if any of them* had suffered from symptoms *associated with organophosphate* poisoning, including *tingling and numbness in the* fingers and toes.

Although poisoning from pesticides normally *manifested itself* within three months, there could be longer-term cases where personnel had further contact with the pesticides on other occasions. It could then lead to asthma, the medical experts said.

More than 1,100 Gulf War veterans are now suffering *from* a range of illnesses, including chronic fatigue, *swollen joints and headaches.*

The area worst affected by *flies was at Al Jubayl, the* huge port on the east coast of Saudi Arabia where the majority of Britain's 50,000 Gulf War troops were based.

Because pesticide supplies sent from Britain were inadequate to deal with the plague of flies, permission was given for stocks to be bought from local sources. The MoD official *said some of the pesticides* might have been sprayed in breach of strict procedures *and this was now* being investigated.

The senior MoD *official* said every attempt was being *made to discover whether* there was any common factor among those suffering from illnesses which could be directly related to their service in the Gulf. A big research programme into Gulf health issues is to be launched next month, overseen by the Medical Research Council.

The official denied that any British troops could have been affected by a chemical cloud *that rose from an Iraqi chemical* weapons bunker destroyed by American bombers. *Up to* 14,000 American soldiers could have been affected.

The official said the nearest British troops to the so-called "bunker 73" were more than 87 miles away to the south of the chemical dump. CIA investigators had discovered that the chemical cloud had drifted northeast about 15 miles, the official said.

The details of the discovery were outlined in a letter from *Nicholas Soames*, the Armed Forces Minister, to Michael *Colvin, chairman of the all-party* Commons Defence Committee.

Richard Barr, a solicitor representing *125* Gulf War veterans, said the MoD disclosure was very important, as research had proved that the effect of organophosphates was increased ten-fold when combined with nerve gas protection tablets. All troops were given the tablets to take regularly.

"The MoD admission is *very much more significant* than it appears at first sight," *he said. Veterans* had spoken of tents "absolutely running" with pesticides.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, welcomed the announcement but said: "I wonder why they have taken four years to get this far and I believe they are playing down the problem even yet by saying this latest problem is unlikely to have affected more than half a dozen people."

Hamilton wins support of local party officials

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

OFFICERS of Neil Hamilton's Conservative constituency association rallied behind the Tory MP yesterday in an *attempt to end speculation* about his future.

Tatton Conservatives accused *The Guardian* of running a *dishonest* and hysterical vendetta against the *former Trade Minister*.

A statement, in the name of Alan Barnes, the chairman, which was unanimously approved by the association's 12 officers, said that most members of the 1,800-strong association had reacted with anger to the "torrent of abuse" against their MP. "It was anger followed by intense sympathy for Mr and Mrs Hamilton at their victimisation."

Mr Barnes's statement, which followed reports of dissent within the constituency, said there were no plans for a meeting to discuss Mr Hamilton's future.

The allegations by *The Guardian*, that Mr Hamilton had accepted cash for questions from Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, have been referred to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.

The statement added: "Neil has absolute confidence that he will be exonerated. We have absolute confidence in him."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, yesterday described Mr Hamilton as a good and hard working MP. Pressed on whether Mr Hamilton enjoyed the support of the party high command and the Prime Minister, he replied: "As we speak, he certainly has *my support*."

Mr Hamilton kept a low *profile in the constituency* yesterday as he talked to party *officers. His wife, Christine*, dismissed speculation that he *faced deselection*.

"We've had the most wonderful support from the Tatton Constituency Association. In a funny way, all these lies and the misunderstanding and the misrepresentation that has come out from the media in the last few days have actually stiffened their support for Neil," she told Greater Manchester Radio.

Labour spent the day trying to limit the fallout from the dismissal on Thursday of a frontbench spokesman in the House of Lords who publicly supported Ian Greer the lobbyist at the centre of the cash-for-questions affair.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, stressed that Baroness Turner, the party's employment spokesman who was a non-executive director of Ian Greer Associates, had "behaved very honourably". But he added: "There was a potential conflict of interest and therefore she stood down."

Baroness Turner, 69, who took part in a routine board meeting at IGA yesterday, issued a statement saying: "I have stepped down from the front bench which I regret doing, because I believe I was a good employment spokesperson. But I do so knowing that my leader in the Lords acknowledges that I was not guilty of any impropriety."

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Life sentence for high-living career criminal

Conman plotted £20m kidnap from prison

By Richard Duce and Peter Foster

AN ARCH conman who plotted from his prison cell to kidnap one of the wealthiest men in Britain to fund a luxury lifestyle on his release was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Sacheverell De Houghton, 56, was already serving ten years for kidnapping and blackmailing another man when he laid his elaborate plans to raise £20 million. The Oxford graduate, who claimed to have known the Earl of Lucan and the Kray twins, had nurtured his taste for the high life during frequent stays in prison for offences of dishonesty and deception.

Judge Gordon told De Houghton: "You are a highly intelligent man but a highly dangerous one. It is very sad that someone with such obvious abilities should have chosen to spend his life the way he has. The public has got to be protected."

De Houghton was cleared of conspiring to murder the multimillionaire, known only as G, but was convicted of incitement to kidnap. During the month-long trial the jury was told that De Houghton, born in India 56 years ago to a military family, was known to police simply as Stanley Houton, a career criminal.

He claimed to have attended Eton, but in fact went to a Reading state school. He then won a scholarship to Christchurch to read history, where he funded his social life in London by stealing from fellow students. He boasted to the jury of "liberating" valuable items and, in spite of his homosexuality, saw himself as a "debs' delight".

While in prison he took up compulsive letter-writing to strangers. His erudition and literary knowledge often led to lengthy correspondence with people with no knowledge of his criminal past.

After being imprisoned in 1992 he focused his attention on "preparing for the day he was to be released and wished to make substantial funds so that he could enjoy life", William Boyce, for the prosecution, told the court. He set up bank accounts, negotiated the purchase of a castle in the Hebrides and a Cornish estate, set up bank accounts in Cornwall and Denmark, engaged solicitors, and found a printer for his letterheads and business cards.

His target was the "phenomenally rich" millionaire, and the money was to be extorted under torture. "It is clear that what was intended was to entice G to a quiet location, extract from him by force a very large sum of money and then, probably by using drugs, cause him to lose his memory, mind or life," the judge said. G was affected "considerably" when told of the plan.

De Houghton: known to police as Stanley Houton

De Houghton had been jailed in 1992 for kidnapping John Gaze, an art dealer, and threatening to torture him if he did not hand over art treasures. De Houghton had lured Mr Gaze by claiming to be a dealer in Russian icons. For G the bait was furniture, a particular interest of the multimillionaire. The ruse was to say De Houghton had a very valuable item of furniture. He wrote to G, who took the bait and began to communicate.

G's staff were to be faxed instructions to transfer the money — after G had agreed under torture, the prosecution said. However, among helpers outside prison recruited by De Houghton was an undercover detective.

De Houghton was still "beavering away" inside prison, writing to banks and surveyors. "He wrote then inviting G to go to Scotland to view the furniture," Mr Boyce said. By February 1996, however, there were fears that De Houghton had become suspicious of the undercover policeman. Detectives decided to make arrests. The prosecution said that De Houghton had also attempted to recruit a former fellow-prisoner, Everton Morrison, to help him.

Mr Morrison, 30, of Croydon, south London, was cleared of conspiring to murder the millionaire. The jury could not agree on a verdict on a further charge against both men of conspiring together to kidnap, and the charge was left on the file.

John McVicar, the writer and criminologist, was a fellow inmate of De Houghton at Wandsworth prison in 1964. Yesterday he remembered him as an entertaining Wildean figure. "Like me he was interested in literature and books, only better read. He played the class ticket; I suppose people didn't think he was the type to be a crook."

PETER NICHOLLS

Samantha Slater wearing a sari in Trissur prison, where she has spent two years

Model in Indian jail freed after campaign

By Coomi Kaboor and Lin Jenkins

A BRITISH model has been released from a ten-year prison term in India for possessing drugs after a campaign culminating in an appeal by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary.

Samantha Slater, 25, from Birmingham, who was convicted of possessing cannabis resin two years ago while backpacking in the country, has been pardoned and released from Trissur central prison in Kerala state. She told an Indian journalist that she has been miserable and fed an "unsatisfactory" diet.

The intervention of Mr Rifkind followed repeated requests from the British authorities, including the former and the present High Commissioner. Miss Slater's mother, Brenda, who is planning to fly to India, said last night: "I can't believe my Sam is finally coming home. I won't have to spend another Christmas without her."

Miss Slater and her boyfriend Andrew Hesketh were spending six months exploring the subcontinent when they were stopped by police January 1992 at Idukki in the mountains south of Goa.

Tracey MacDonald, a family friend, said Miss Slater was mentally well, but suffering from malnutrition. Mr Hesketh, 27, who was jailed for three years and fined, is due to be released next January.

The Waterman Doll

Two-inch pen sold for £1,800

By John Shaw

A TWO-INCH fountain pen, believed to be the smallest in the world, was auctioned for £1,840 in London yesterday. The black Waterman Doll, about 80 years old and still working, was sold in its original box to a collector for just above its estimate.

The 1,000-lot sale at Bonhams attracted worldwide interest. A red Waterman 416 with a silver filigree decoration fetched £4,370.

A Mont Blanc limited-edition Octavian from 1993 made £1,750 and another limited-edition pen from the same firm, a Louis XIV from 1994, went for £1,700.

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Village loner shot at WPC after pea wine binge

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

A JUDGE expressed sympathy yesterday for a man who took pot shots at his neighbour's house with an air rifle after drinking too much of his own pea-pod wine at a village fair.

Vincent Vines, 52, had come to feel like a stranger in his village because of the many newcomers who had moved in, Gloucester Crown Court was told. He was said to spend most of his time alone brewing the wine.

Judge Hutton, who heads the Gloucestershire branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "He is not alone in thinking like that. I sympathise with him. This is something which is happening all over the country, particularly in Gloucestershire."

Vines began shooting after neighbours rejected his offer of the potent wine at a Guy Fawkes party in Hillersley. Peter Heyward, for Vines, said: "He is a lonely and isolated man in the village where he has lived most of his life. Newcomers have moved in and for this typical countryman village life has changed beyond all recognition. It is no longer the village he grew up in and loved.

"He had brewed a large quantity of a good and strong traditional English country wine — pea-pod wine. It is clear that pea-pod wine is a strong wine, one with a kick in it — a kick stronger than his air rifle.

"The people at the bonfire party refused his drink and he felt he had been ostracised by the newcomers to the village. He is a traditional countryman with good country skills."

Don Tait, for the prosecution, said: "He was clearly drunk and was rude and abusive to other people at the party. He tried to offer them drinks but they refused. Then he began singing bawdy songs and was told to go."

After Vines had returned home, neighbours opposite heard him shouting. They then saw him standing in his bedroom window waving an air rifle around. "A woman police officer arrived and saw him aiming the rifle at her," Mr Tait said.

"She heard a shot and a pellet hit the ground nearby. She called for support and police marksmen were called in as well as the police helicopter. A stand-off, which lasted three hours and brought the village to a halt, ended when Vines left his cottage, shouting and waving a garden spade.

"He was arrested and when the officers searched his home they discovered 53 gallons of home-made wine. Obviously he had tried the wine with fairly lethal consequences."

Vines admitted possessing an air rifle while committing criminal damage and was ordered to do 200 hours' community service. The judge told him: "You have got to learn to live with changing conditions. I understand Hillersley, like many other villages, is not what it was, but you have to change with it."

Fasting hermit is tempted by inn's lasagne and chips

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A HERMIT who aimed to fast for 40 days on a hill above Loch Lomond managed only 27 before staggering down to a hotel and ordering lasagne and chips.

The bearded and bedraggled hermit had set up his tent on Benlomond Hill, Central Scotland, where temperatures are below freezing at night and barely creep above 9C (48F) during the day, to spend his time in meditation and prayer. He told the staff of Rowardennan Hotel that he was a monk from Scandinavia and gave his name as Father Oucherlony. They were so worried by his starved appearance that they called an ambulance.

Sharon Johnston, the manageress, said the middle-aged man was wearing a heavy jumper, jeans and a light jacket when he arrived on the hotel doorstep earlier this week. "He obviously had not washed for some days. He was a horrible colour and looked at death's door.

"We gave him a bowl of soup and a bit of bread, but he began to feel even more ill. I think it may have been his body rejecting the food. The ambulance arrived and they led him out to it, but he returned after he felt better and ate a lasagne and chips."

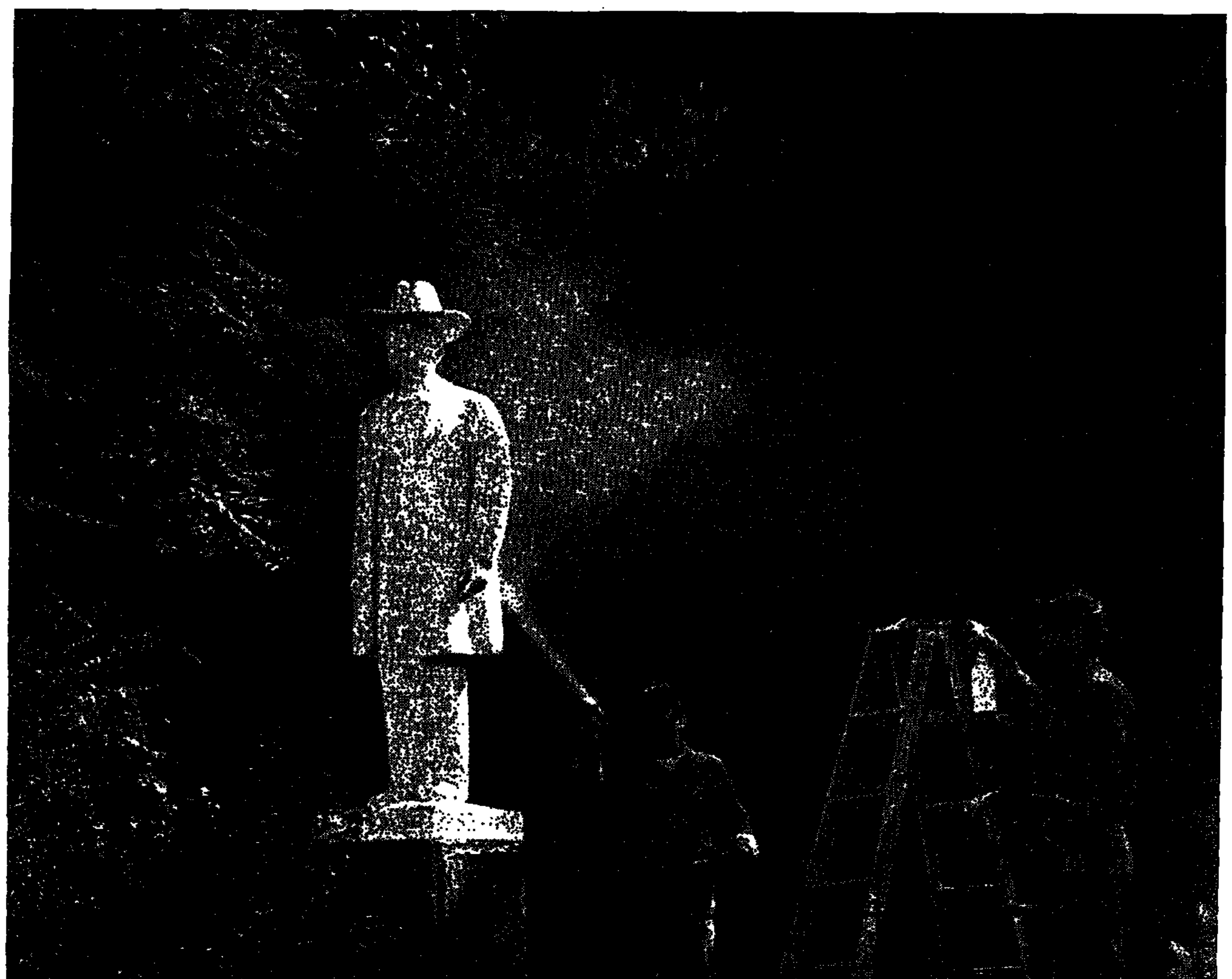
She said the hermit, who spoke good English, seemed distressed that he had failed to keep his fast for 40 days, the time spent by Christ in the wilderness, and left disconsolately to spend the night in a youth hostel.

"It was really strange," she said. "He was trying to get closer to God, those were his words. We do get a lot of these hermits in the summer, but never usually at this time of year. I think they must be mad."

The hermit later returned to the hills to collect his belongings and it is believed that he has left the area. Police Sergeant Kevin Findlater, of Balfron, said: "It's an old hermit-type scenario. He obviously felt the need to do this. His condition was not as bad as was first thought, but he did well to last this long without food. He must have been in a valley near water."

An ambulance service spokesman said the hermit had told the ambulance crew that doctors were no use to him. "There was nothing medically wrong with him and he did not want to travel with us to hospital, so there was nothing we could do."

Although no precise figures exist, increasing numbers of men and women are thought to be seeking lives of solitude in a reaction to the materialism of the late 20th century. Some are infected by "millennium fever", a conviction that the turn of the century will witness the Second Coming of Christ or even Armageddon.



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The competition-beating XK8 is pure Jaguar, says **Kevin Eason**

So cool, it could have been Lyons-made

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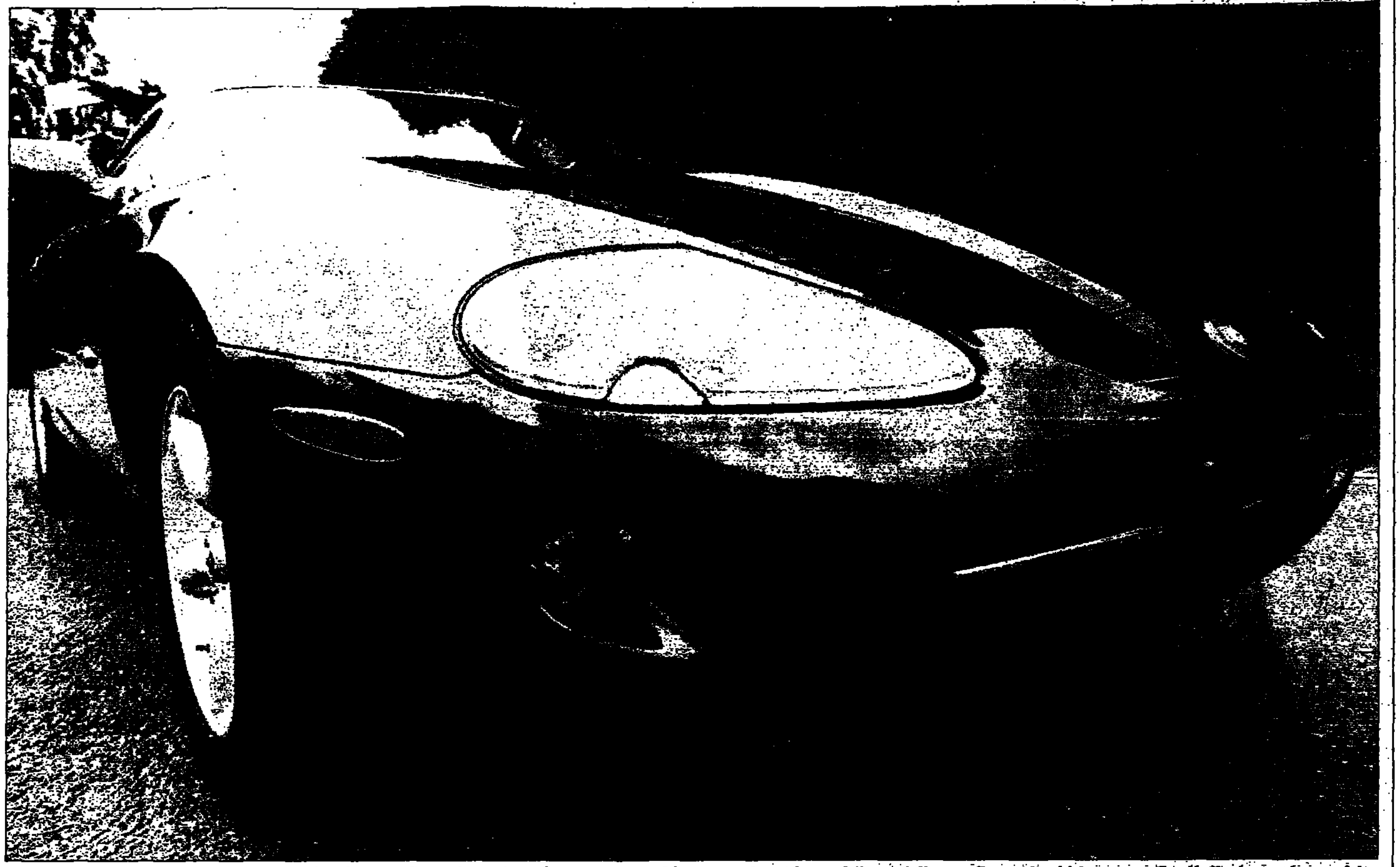


The bonnet diving down to the E-Type style grille is as distinctive a piece of imagery as anything currently on the road. Beneath lies an all-new V8 which proves refined, effortless and powerful

Right price, right pace, right time: a drive in the big cat's new sports car can only silence the critics

The scope for error was vast. Bob Dover knows that living with a legend is all very well, but the expectations are high when the wraps come off every new Jaguar.

Sir William Lyons built one of the most famous names in the motoring world with a succession of ground-breaking designs to create some of the most desirable cars of all time. Trouble is that the legacy of legend can be hard to bear in a tougher world when the gap between the competition is razor thin.

But Mr Dover can sleep easily in his bed tonight, for the XK8 is a car that Sir William would have approved of. Jaguar has found the perfect balance between the grand tourer and nimble sports car ... and at a bargain-basement price that will set the competition on its ear. All Sir William's cars were value-for-money, and XK8 is no different: £47,950 for the coupé — between £32,000 and £35,000 cheaper than BMW, Mercedes or Aston Martin rivals offering equivalent performance and equipment.

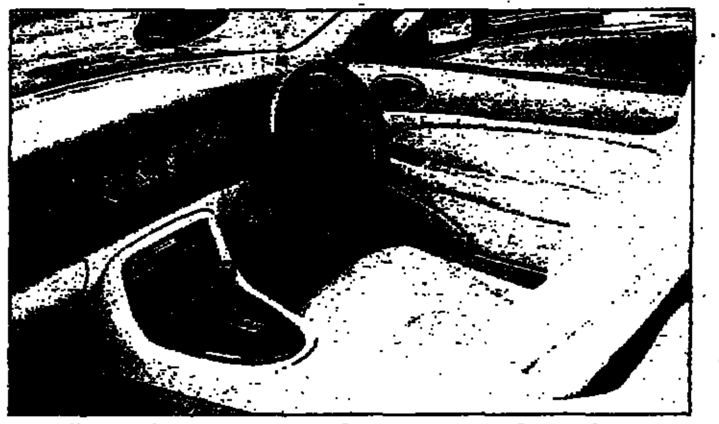
The XK8 was the most demanding programme yet set for Jaguar by its Ford owner because it had to be delivered from concept to finished car in 30 months. In fact, the engineering team came in three months ahead of schedule — a cost saving of about £30 million — and they surpassed every tough target set on quality to make this the best-built Jaguar ever, according to Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman. This is a British car that could set Japanese standards for reliability and quality, he says, levels which could never be achieved on the outgoing XJS.

Because XK8 is based on the old XJS platform, worries ran high that the car would be little more than a revamp of the old barge. The XJS has been Jaguar's best-selling sports car, but it had 20 years of production and, in truth, was as unlovely as a car can get, with more flying buttresses than the average cathedral. Any carry-over would have destroyed the XK8's chances. In fact, Dover, XK8's chief engineer, says that the car is 80 per cent new, 10 per cent from the XJ saloons and only about 10 per cent — essentially the platform — from the XJS.

At the heart of the changes is a new power-train which is as much a step forward as anything to have come from Jaguar in its history. Jaguar has had only three generations of engine since 1948, all six and 12-cylinder power-packs. The fourth generation departs radically from history in that it is built outside the company — by Ford in Bridgend though designed entirely in-house — and that it is a V8, which is refined, effortless and powerful with astonishing acceleration in the mid-range — the place you need it when you want to overtake or pull through tricky uphill bends. Dover reckons the engineering team wanted the torque, or pulling power, to feed in as soon as the throttle is pushed and there is no doubt that they got it right.

There is no manual gearchange, because Jaguar says that there is no demand. No wonder, because the new five-speed automatic transmission is so smooth and efficient that changes up or down are barely noticed.

While other carmakers have added sequential semi-automatic gearboxes — so the driver pushes forward to change up and back to go down — as the manual alternative in an auto box, Jaguar has stuck resolutely to its J-gate system. It was the right decision because it is so easy to use, the stick simply pushed from second to third and so on. Unlike a sequential change, the driver always knows what gear the car is in because of the location of the gearstick.



Traditional interior comforts feature a magical sound system

Not that even a run of tough and twisting roads needed much gear-changing on first test, such is the flexibility of the new power-train. Second will take the car up to almost 90mph, the V8 growling gently under the long, fluted bonnet. Even when working the car hard, the ride is stable but with enough feedback through the wheel to allow the driver to feel sports-car responses. Where the old XJS wallowed, the XK8 springs into action, turning sharply and accurately, the ride always predictable and sure-footed.

Part of that responsiveness comes from a much-improved body and chassis, which is 25 per cent stiffer than the XJS so that there is no flexing of metal through bumps and lumps. Add to that the sort of ride you would expect to feel in a Jaguar and the car becomes one of the most enjoyable to drive in any price bracket, not least because the company has retained the virtues prized most by its traditional buyers.

Forget criticism you might have read that XK8 is too bulky and too like its distant and also Ford-owned cousin, the Aston Martin DB7: I defy anyone to tell me that the XK8 does not look fabulous, particularly as a convertible. The bonnet diving down to the E-Type style grille is as distinctive a piece of imagery as anything currently on the road, as you will discover when you see an XK8 appear in your rear-view mirror.

Inside, the XK8 offers the traditional comforts: wood and tasteful leather, a restful but clear set of dials ... and one new option which blasts the opposition: a 240-watt, ten-speaker sound system tailored to the XK8's acoustics by Harmon Kardon, the American specialists. After a window-rattling session with Messrs Elgar, Saint-Saens and Sting, the system catapulted itself from Jaguar option to a "must have" for me.

That touch of extra magic — rarely found among even the most expensive cars — speaks volumes for Jaguar. Other carmakers could produce a valid argument on behalf of the cars competing with the XK8 in an almost overcrowded marketplace. Mercedes could argue for the logic of its engineering, BMW for its reliability, Porsche for its sporting heritage.

But marques rarely appeal to the heart in the way that Jaguar does. The engineering of the XK8 is not just the best to have come out of Coventry in the 60 years since the business was founded, but the car is covered in tiny details, touches which make the driver and passenger feel special as soon as they clutch the keys.

Bob Dover's brief said the XK8 had to be: "sensuous, instantly desirable, exhilirating and stir emotions". It is and it does.

JAGUAR XK8

Engine: 4-litre AJ-V8 developing 290 brake horse power through five-speed automatic gearbox driving rear wheels. Equipped with traction control.

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 6.4 seconds (6.7 convertible), top speed limited to 156mph (154).

Economy: Fuel consumption, 22.9mpg average (23.3 convertible).

Dimensions: length 4,760mm, width 2,015mm: Weight 2588kg.

Equipment: power steering, anti-lock brakes, airbags, remote locking, alarm immobiliser, tilt steering wheel, air conditioning, steering wheel audio controls, 17in alloy wheels. Convertible has powered foldaway roof.

Price: Coupé £47,950: convertible £54,950.

E-TYPE V XK8

They are soul-sisters, a quarter of a century apart, *writes Sue Baker*. I drove them minutes apart, and it was a time-warp of familiarity. Stepping out of an XK8 and into a newly restored E-Type underlined striking similarities and unexpected differences.

The new Jaguar is the E-Type for the Nineties, evocatively retro-styled, still a sleek and sultry big cat, but fatter and less feral.

The model that is the XK8's historical benchmark has more front and less behind, with a body dominated by its famously phallic bonnet and encasing a narrower, sparser cabin. But it still manages to rival the newcomer for headroom and beats it for visibility.

The E-Type tested is a Series II, 4.2-litre 2+2. When it was new in 1970 it cost £2,708. It was shared by two brothers who drove it hard and with little concern for its future as a covetable classic.

When owner Ray Attewell bought it eight years ago for £4,000, it was a rusty non-runner, unused for a decade. It has just emerged from a total restoration, which cost conservatively £25,000, not including hundreds of hours of preparation work by its owner. It is now effectively a 1970s car built in the 1990s, with body panels rust-protected and fitted to a far higher standard than when new.

Driving both cars back-to-back was as much a reminder of how good a car the E-Type was in its day as an endorsement of the XK8's status as E-Type reinvented.

The height of the two cars is similar, but from the inside the XK8 feels more encasing. It has a higher waistline and the window area feels smaller, giving the new Jaguar a slightly more claustrophobic feeling. That is despite the XK8 having perceptibly more elbow-room, even though its cabin is conspicuously more sybaritic.

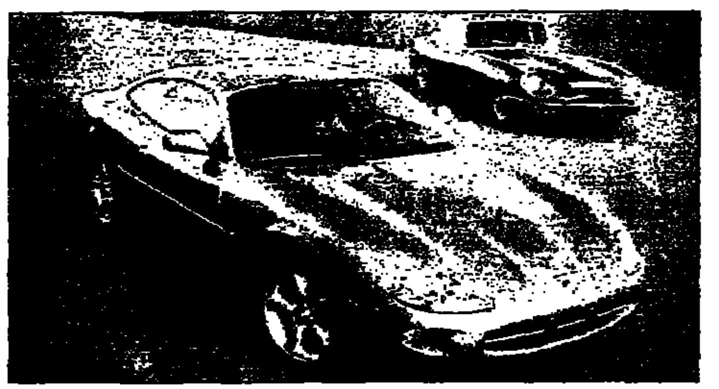
The E-Type feels closer to nature. Its dashboard veneers are unmistakably real wood, and its renovated leather still has the once-lived-in look of real animal skin. In its sports-interior guise, the XK8's maple veneers are stained so dark and lacquered so heavily as to be indistinguishable from high-grade plastic, and its leather is perfection.

Where the XK8's ride is a muscular glide, distancing the driver from any physical discomforts from the road surface, the E-Type's is more informative, communicating what is underfoot without relaying much of its harshness. For a sports car built 26 years ago, the ride is remarkably good.

Both cars share a similarly mesmeric presence on the road. Wherever I drove it, the XK8's svelte, sensuous shape swivelled heads in its wake. But they were being turned more by its novelty, days ahead of its official release.

The E-Type commanded just as much attention. But no novelty here — it was simply in warm admiration of an unarguably, dramatically beautiful car.

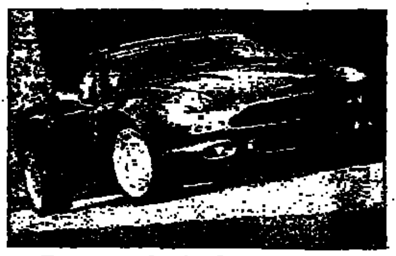
If an XK8 driving past in the year 2022 still earns as many second looks as a renovated E-Type does today, only then can it truly pass as a worthy successor.



The quarter-century difference belies some striking similarities

Model: Series II fixed-head coupé 2+2.
Engine: 4.2 litre, six-cylinder, 265 bhp.
Dimensions: wheelbase: 8ft 9in. length: 15ft 4in. width: 5ft 6in.
Top speed: 139mph.
0-60: 7.4 secs.
Consumption: avg. 18-20 mpg: touring, 25 mpg.
Insurance: £200-£250 on an agreed-value, limited-mileage (3,000 miles annually) classic car policy.
Original Price: £2,708.71
Value: £25,000.

DB7 V XK8



Gorgeous looks, but at a price

Model: Aston Martin DB7 3.2 litre
Engine: supercharged in-line 335bhp six-cylinder.
0-60: 5.7 secs.
Top speed: 165mph.
Dimensions: length: 4,646mm. width 1,830mm.
Price: Coupé: £82,500, convertible £89,950

The similarity between the Aston Martin DB7 and the XK8 could be too close for comfort — for Aston, anyway. Those curved DB7 haunches and long overhangs tell the story of its heritage, cloned from the Jaguar XJS platform and with a straight-six supercharged 3.2-litre developed from a Jaguar race engine.

Performance figures are roughly similar, and, of course, an Aston is strong on traditional wood and leather like the Jag. But it would be too simple to say the cars are the same. The power characteristics are very different, and the Aston feels tauter and somehow smaller than the XK8, even though the dimensions are similar.

Being part of the same Ford family should not be a problem, although the XK8's value for money could be trying for Aston. Look for some Aston derivatives soon to try to catch the eye.

MERCEDES 500SL V XK8

Next to an XK8, Mercedes' SL looks expensive, fat ... and damned ugly. The years have not been kind to the SL, and with every passing birthday, it looks more and more like the starlet who piled on the pounds and sprinted past her sell-by date.

The SL looked a stunner at launch — but then there was barely anything else on the road to compare it with apart from the XJS, which was already so old it made the SL look positively anorexic and feel as nimble as George Best in his heyday.

Now Best would be hard-pressed to run a traffic light, never mind a full ninety minutes, while Mercedes answered the competition by loading more into the SL: bigger engines, more gadgets, more everything, except for a stereo fitted as standard.

The result in the SL500, which offers almost similar performance to an XK8, is of a bloated, muscle-bound motor — like being lugged by one of the Gladiators rather than wafted and beguiled. Acceleration is bludgeoning, but the sound feedback from the Merc's V8 is industrial rather than seductive. However, the handling is as safe and sound as you would expect from a Mercedes, huge rear tyres spreading themselves all over the road seemingly defying the gods to overcome their sticking power and the traction control system to trick it into a flurry of wheelspin.

The interior of the car is about as welcoming as a prison cell. Mercedes gives you plenty of leather but the instrument dial remains functional to the point of monochrome boredom, the steering wheel apparently comes straight from the deck of a leather-bound yacht and the automatic gearbox is too notchy and twiddly for rapid use for all but the extremely well practised. Of course, there is more equipment than even Nasa could use on a busy day, but that does not make the model more loveable. In fact, the SL — a car born in the 1980s when big was better — looks forlorn in the Nineties when swooping shapes and curves are in vogue and when its little sister, the SLK, looks cute and cuddly.

There is another thing if you are deciding about buying a new sports car: the SL range starts at £57,700 for the 2.8-litre and zooms up to £97,450 for the SL60 AMG — and you still have to buy your own stereo.

By comparison, it's both overweight and overpriced

Model: Mercedes SL500.
Engine: 5-litre, 32-valve V8 developing 326bhp through five-speed automatic transmission driving rear wheels.
0-62: 6.5 secs.
Top speed: 155mph (electronically limited).
Consumption: 17.7mpg in town.
Dimensions: length 4,470mm, width 1,812mm.
Price: £80,700 basic

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Lord Chief Justice sets liberal tone with initiatives on human rights and life sentences

Bingham aims to banish mystery of jurors' room

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE new Lord Chief Justice yesterday paved the way for the first investigation into the secrets of the jury room, saying that he was in favour of allowing research into how juries reached their verdicts.

In his first public appearance as the most senior serving judge, Lord Bingham of Cornhill also made clear that he would lead judicial opposition to the Home Secretary's plans for tougher sentencing, expected in the Queen's Speech.

Lord Bingham is the first senior judge publicly to support a change in the law to allow research into how juries operate. The change was steadfastly opposed by his two predecessors, Lord Taylor of Gosforth and Lord Lane, although it is supported by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and was recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993.

Predecessors feared that it would encourage appeals based on what jurors did or said while considering a verdict. But Lord Bingham said yesterday: "The time has come, without opening the door to these real dangers, to enable some very serious, real and objective — and anonymous — research into the way in which juries reach their decisions."

At present there was ignorance about how jurors reacted to judges' directions and how they would react to knowing previous convictions, he said.

In his first press conference since taking office four months ago, Lord Bingham, 63 next week, set a liberal tone for his tenure. He urged incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law; ending of the Home Secretary's role in fixing life sentences; and the end of mandatory life sentences.

He denied that judges were too lenient, although he accepted that that was the "public perception". He was, however, in favour of giving the Attorney-General wider powers to appeal when sentences were considered insufficient.

Lord Bingham stressed that he would be no less tough on the Government's proposals for sentencing changes than Lord Taylor, who retired because of ill health. "I very much hope that the Home Secretary and Parliament will leave the judges with their sentencing discretion for the reasons rehearsed by my predecessor," he said.

Judges, who had heard all the witnesses and were aware of complex issues, and the atmosphere generated in a case, "should not be told they have to do this or that or the other in a particular case, willy-nilly".

At the same time, Lord Bingham indicated that he wanted to stop any suggestion of a power battle between judges and government with judges taking on the Government through judicial review decisions. "Judges have gone to great lengths to make it clear that they are not usurping the decision-making powers of officials and that they bring no political axe to grind."

He cautioned judges against speaking out in a way that could "undermine their reputation for impartiality and neutrality". But he said that they had a part to play in discussions about matters, such as sentencing, within their field of experience.

Lord Bingham rejected any move to stop defendants acting for themselves and cross-examining their victims. "The public would be deeply offended to be told 'you must employ a lawyer'," he said. It would be seen as the profession trying to entrench its monopolies still further.

On Mr Howard's proposals for mandatory life sentences for second-time rapists and violent offenders, and minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug offenders, Lord Bingham said that there was no difference between Lord Taylor's views and his own, although he might have expressed them differently. "The interests of justice are served by allowing judges, to the maximum extent, to tailor a sentence to the circumstances of a particular case, which they are in a unique position to judge." The case for ending mandatory life sentences for murder had, in his view, been made convincingly. On the Home Secretary's role in fixing the tariff — the period a prisoner jailed for life spends in jail — he preferred the system as applied to "discretionary" life prisoners under which the Parole Board decides the release date.

Lord Bingham said that he would be unhappy if Michael Howard's "two strikes and you're out" proposals found favour, unless there was some qualification which enabled judges to depart from the rule in appropriate cases, giving their reasons.

He rejected the notion that judges were out of touch with society, saying that there had been a big change from a few years ago when "judges were characterised as bloodthirsty old men".

Now they were seen as "liberal pinkos who never punished anyone". "My own view is that neither of these is close to the truth," he said.

GILL ALLEN

Lord Bingham in his office at the High Court. He will not shy away from opposing Tory sentencing plans

NEWS IN BRIEF

Newspaper libelled Bill Cash in satire

A newspaper apologised and agreed to pay substantial libel damages to Bill Cash, MP for Stafford, over the use of his name in a satirical article. The piece, in *The Scotsman*, depicted a "William Cash-Purchase MP" as "cynical, corrupt and dishonest", Mr Cash's solicitor, Richard Martin, told Mr Justice French in the High Court.

Sperm case ends

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the High Court Family Division, reserved judgment on the submission by a 30-year-old Midlands widow for the right to have a baby using her late husband's *sperm*.

Russells funeral

The funerals of Lin and Megan Russell, killed at Chillenden, Kent, in July, will be held today at Dolbenmaen, near Caernarfon. The procession to church will be lead by Shaun Russell and daughter Josie, who survived the attack.

Plane loses wheel

A cargo plane made an emergency landing at Belfast airport when a wheel from its undercarriage was found on the runway after it had taken off from Coventry. The plane landed safely and there were no injuries.

Long haul flight

Birdwatchers were out in force yesterday after a black and white warbler, a rare North American visitor to Britain blown here by westerly gales, was spotted in a garden near Beachy Head, East Sussex.

£10m Beauty

A £10 million musical production of the Walt Disney cartoon *Beauty and the Beast* will open in London next year. The show, which opens on May 13 at the Dominion theatre, is in its *third* year on Broadway.

Top botanist dies

Professor Thomas ap Rees, 65, head of Cambridge University's Department of Plant Sciences, died in a collision with a car as he cycled to his home in Little Eversden, *Cambridgeshire*. He was *one* of Britain's leading botanists.

Fire rocks band

The Scottish rock band Runrig were "*absolutely devastated*" after their management offices and fan club in Aberdeen were destroyed in an early morning fire. Plans to release an album on Monday are unaffected.

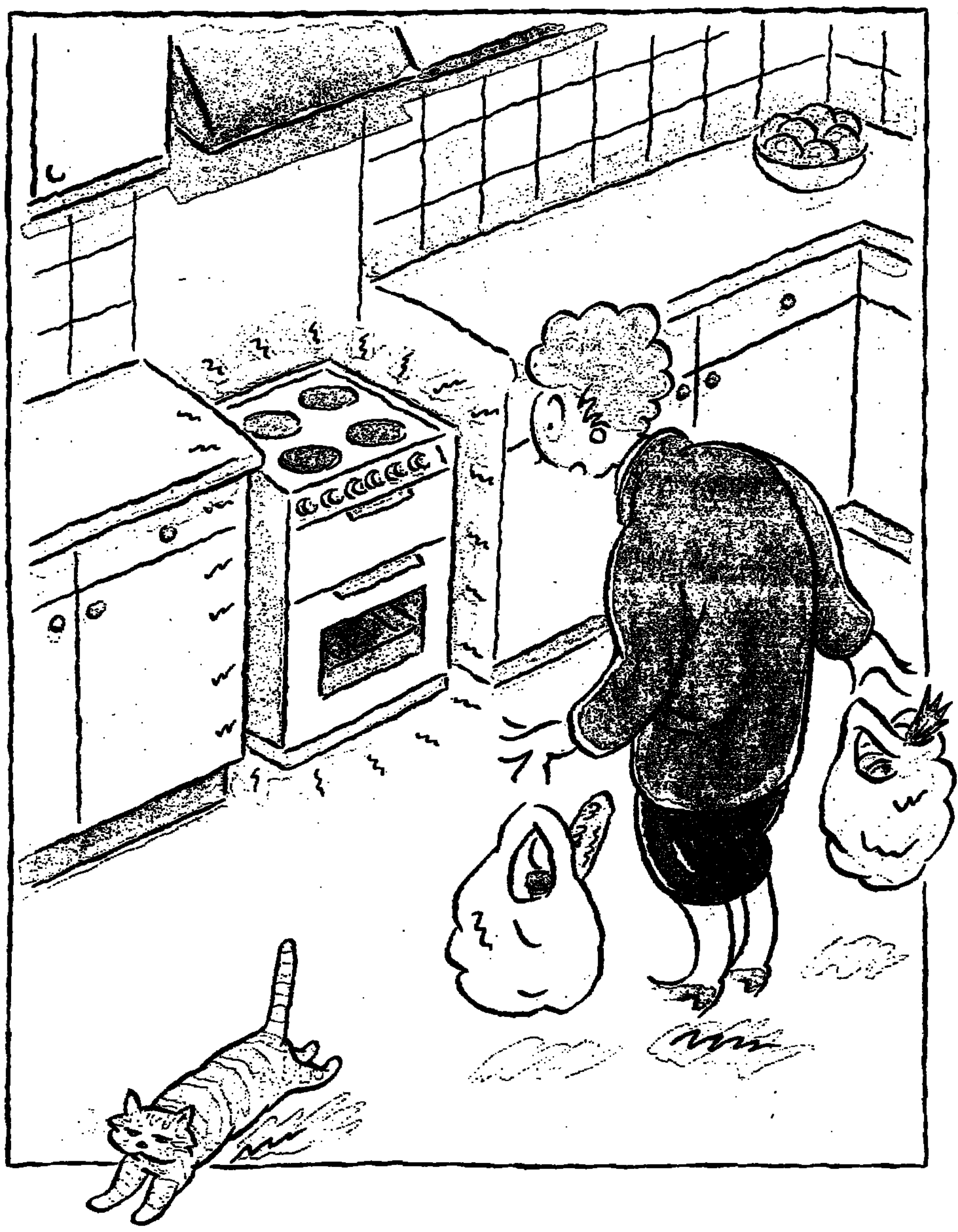
Soccer case witness is remanded

By Lin Jenkins

A businessman who made match-fixing allegations against three footballers was yesterday accused of offering to fail to appear to give evidence against one of them in exchange for money. Chris Vincent was remanded in custody for a week when he appeared at Aldershot Magistrates Court, charged with *attempting to pervert the* course of justice.

Mr Vincent, 38, of Holyport, Berkshire, is a chief prosecution witness in the case of Bruce Grobbelaar, the former Liverpool and Southampton goalkeeper and Zimbabwe international, and the former Wimbledon players John Fashanu and Dutch-born goalkeeper Hans Segers.

The three footballers and Heng Suan Lim, a Malaysian businessman, are to be tried on match-rigging allegations at Winchester Crown Court in January. They deny the charges and are on bail pending the hearing.



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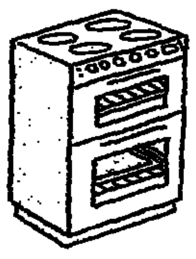

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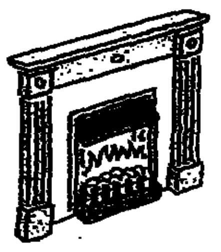

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Wests' house will be ground to dust to obliterate all traces

By Michael Horsnell

POLICE are once again on guard outside 25 Cromwell Street, the house in Gloucester where Frederick and Rosemary West murdered and buried their victims. On Monday morning, work will start on demolishing the house, brick by brick, and officials are anxious to prevent souvenir hunters making off with mementoes.

The bricks, rubble and masonry will be ground to dust, and the wood burnt to ashes. Gloucester council is spending more than £120,000 to rid the city of its most unwanted tourist attraction, where the bodies of nine young women were found in 1994.

The council has paid £40,000 to the Official Solicitor, who sold the three-storey property on behalf of five of the couple's children, and a similar sum for the adjoining house. The demolition, after which the site will be filled in and concreted over, will cost £27,000.

The council says it will spend an additional £15,000 on an independent consultation study to find out what victims' relatives and the community wish to see in place of the house. A memorial garden is said to be a "possibility, if not a frontrunner". A change in the street's name is also planned.

Jon Holmes, the council leader and a local solicitor, said: "The rubble, brick and masonry will be ground to dust. The timber will be taken to a secure place and burnt to ashes. We do not want a Berlin Wall scenario with people taking away macabre souvenirs. If the house stayed there it would attract the wrong sort of person."

The much-photographed wrought iron sign that once hung on the house wall is at the centre of a legal tussle and is retained by police. Senior members of the family are understood to have laid claim to the sign, which was made by West.

His wife is serving life imprisonment in Durham jail after being convicted of ten murders. West hanged himself in his remand cell at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, on New Year's Day 1995. West died intestate and his wife forfeited her claim to any benefit from his estate after her conviction.

Their house was never put on the open market. However the Official Solicitor, Peter Harris, who was responsible for managing West's estate on behalf of his five children aged under 18, let it be known that it was for sale. There was only one inquiry — from the local authority.

Apart from the house, the only other items of real value in West's estate are 120 tape recordings made by police of their interviews with him, together with 20 hours of tapes recorded in prison by his original solicitor, Howard Ogden, and a 100-page memoir he wrote in prison.

Their value lies in the information they provided for the officially-approved book on Frederick West, written by the former *Times* journalist, Geoffrey Wansell. He was commissioned by Mr Harris, as guardian of the children's interests, to write West's life story. *An Evil Love: The Life of Frederick West* was published last month by Hodder Headline, which paid a six-figure sum for the rights. It goes into paperback soon and could net the children, who will share the proceeds with Mr Wansell, up to £500,000.

The "house of horrors", right, in Cromwell Street, Gloucester, will be pulled down brick by brick over the next three weeks

Positive image: this portrait, by Chief Petty Officer Paul Cowpe, won first prize in the monochrome section of the annual Royal Navy photographic awards, presented in London yesterday

Barclay twins lose legal fight for privacy

By Russell Jenkins

THE Barclay brothers yesterday lost their High Court challenge after complaining that a BBC2 reporter had invaded their privacy.

David and Frederick Barclay, 61, who own *The European* and the Ritz, had sought a judicial review into a decision by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission not to investigate the complaint they made after John Sweeney, of the media programme *The Spin*, turned up uninvited at their Channel island home last year seeking an interview. The commission had said that, under present laws, they had no power to investigate until after the programme had been broadcast.

Mr Justice Sedley ruled against their application, which had been fiercely contested by both the commission and the BBC. The corporation had feared that it could hamper documentary-makers before their programmes were shown. The judge said in a written judgment that the disputed Section 143 of the 1990 Broadcasting Act unambiguously limited the power of the commission to adjudicate on complaints about infringements of privacy.

The judge said there were no general constraints upon invasions of privacy, in law. The individual had no effective remedy before a national authority if his right to privacy was violated.

"For those who consider that privacy is a right which needs protection in English law, and for those concerned with the conformity of the United Kingdom's law with the standards set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, the argument will not end here." The Barclay twins were refused leave to appeal.

When, in August last year, *The Spin* asked for an interview with the brothers, on their ownership of *The European* and their fortified home which was being built on Brecqhou, the programme was refused. Mr Sweeney arrived on the island in a dinghy armed with a radio microphone and had to be removed. His researches were later used in an article in *The Observer* and broadcast on *The Spin*.

Mark Shaw, for the commission, told the judge: "No doubt there was an invasion but Parliament has taken the view that a line has to be drawn and that line is after there has been a broadcast." The Barclays' application, if allowed, would have amounted to a gagging order on broadcasters, he said.

Sunken trawler 'was spying on Soviet submarines for Navy'

By Michael Evans

A BRITISH fishing trawler that sank off Norway with the loss of 36 crew members more than 20 years ago might have collided with a Soviet submarine while spying for the Royal Navy, a television documentary will claim next week.

An official inquiry into the sinking of the *Gaul* concluded that the fishing trawler sank after capsizing in heavy Arctic seas in a storm in 1974. However, according to ITV's *Network First*, new research provides evidence that the trawler had been engaged in spying on Soviet naval activities off the North Cape of Norway where Soviet submarines operated during the Cold War.

The programme, to be screened next Tuesday at 10.40pm, claims there was a high-level cover-up to avoid a confrontation between Soviet and British authorities. Yesterday, Max Gold, a solicitor acting for some of the deceased's relatives, called for the Government to come clean about the trawler's role.

Allegations have been made in the past by the relatives that the *Gaul* might have been caught up in an official spying operation. Former trawler skippers have added to the mystery by claiming to have been recruited by MI6 to spy on the Soviets. One former skipper, Mason Redfearn, claimed in January that during the 1960s and 1970s, British trawlermen photographed Soviet warships under the cover of fishing.

The Royal Navy denied yesterday that the crew members of the *Gaul* had been asked to spy on Soviet warships. The official said the North Cape had been a highly sensitive area, and during the Cold War British trawlermen would voluntarily provide intelligence of Soviet naval activity to the Navy when they returned home because they felt it was in the national interest.

"But they were never tasked to do this either by the Royal Navy or by British intelligence," the Navy spokesman said. He said there was no evidence that the *Gaul* crew had been passing intelligence to the Navy or MI6.

The Navy official said there had been no suggestion at the time that the fishing trawler had been hit by a submarine, adding that the inquiry had rightly concluded that the *Gaul* was overwhelmed by heavy seas. However, the ITV film claims that on its last voyage the trawler spent three days in Soviet waters close to Soviet submarine bases and well away from its normal fishing ground.

Mr Gold urged the Government to open talks with its Russian counterparts to identify the body of a man in a snow-covered grave. Three unidentified seamen were found on the Arctic coastline two months after the *Gaul* disappeared. Two are thought to have been British.

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Women priests bring Church new harmony

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

WOMEN priests, far from dividing the Church of England, have helped to foster a new spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness, according to the early results of a year-long study.

A fundamental loyalty to the Church has meant that even the most hardline opponents have made efforts to overcome their hostility and to be friends with newly ordained women. Less than a third of the 1,000 priests expected to resign over the issue have done so, although funding was set aside to award compensation to them.

Early findings of the study, by the Edward King Institute, a voluntary organisation, suggest that the Church of England may have been strengthened by the admission of women to its priestly orders. One hundred male and female priests, as well as lay people, Church officials and opponents of women priests, were asked to keep journals for a year after the first ordinations at Bristol Cathedral in spring 1994.

The journals were assessed at consultations this week at Trevelyan College, Durham University. The final report is due shortly and the results will appear in the January edition of the institute's journal, *Ministry*.

Canon David Durston, chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral and one of four people leading the consultations, said: "There are many people in the Church who are or were upset about women priests, but who are still loyal to the Church. That loyalty has been a very important factor in holding the Church together through this period of change. Some people saw this change as disruptive, but now the change has been made and many have experienced the ministry of women priests, they are content."

Nearly 2,000 women have been ordained, although fewer than half are stipendiary. This means that, on average, one in six parishes will have the services of a stipendiary or non-stipendiary woman priest.

Canon Durston said: "There has been a release of energy and a flowering of gifts on the part of women priests. For many, the ordination opened opportunities to new areas of service. This has been appreciated enormously by their parishes."

He said that the consultations had produced surprising evidence of affinity between men and women priests. Instead of becoming implacable enemies, these clergy used their Christian principles to work hard to forge friendships, in order to live in harmony with their differences. "We have discovered friendships that are almost deeper because of the divide," Canon Durston said.

He said, however, that the study had found that great unhappiness remained, in particular on the part of opponents of women priests who did not want to leave the Church but now felt "aliens" in what they had once called their home.

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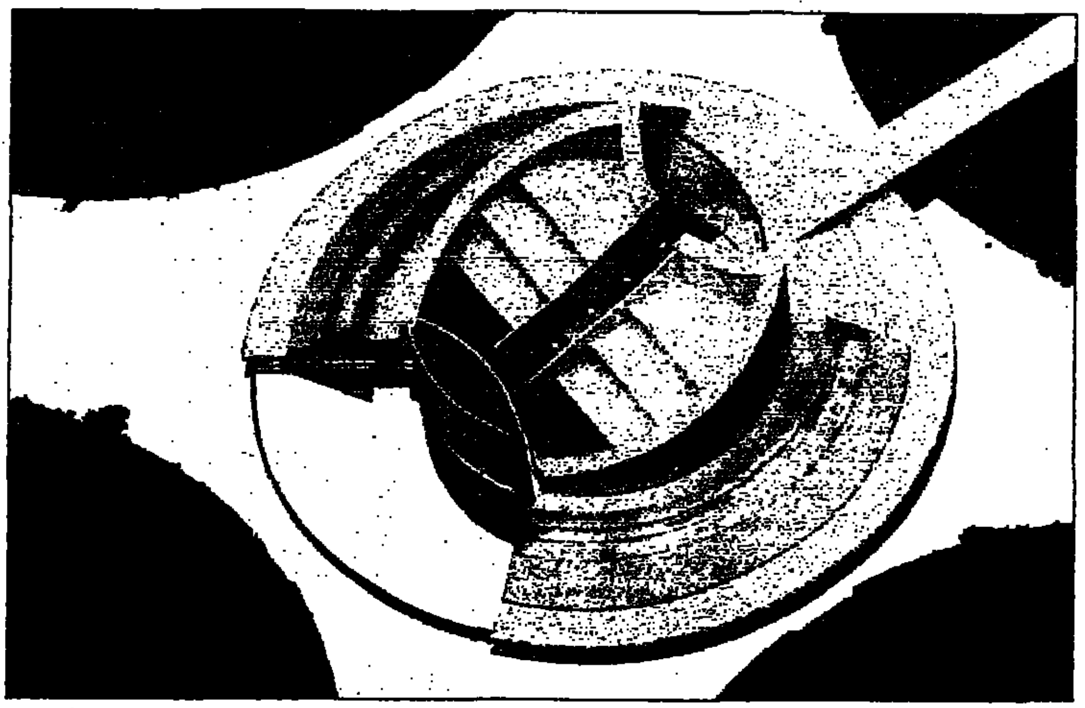


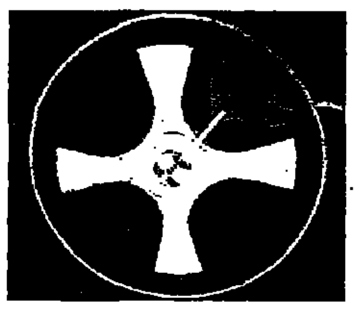
The building at the cross's centre will house a chapel, educational equipment and a museum

Millennium 'cathedral' planned to celebrate early British saints

By Ruth Gledhill

A CENTRE for religious history and learning in the shape of a Celtic cross is being planned for the millennium to celebrate the parts played by the British saints, Cuthbert and Bede, in bringing Christianity to England. Funding from the Millennium Commission is being sought to help to finance the £53 million Northumberland Cross "cathedral".

The scheme, submitted to the commission by Northumberland County Council, is one of the most ambitious and spectacular conceived to celebrate the millennium. According to *Church Times*, the building "would form the jewel of a giant St Cuthbert's Cross, with four large lakes forming the arms". The building at the centre of the cross will contain an exhibition, a museum, a chapel and a room for quiet reflection, to be called the Gospels Vault. It will also house the latest in computer equipment, with a live link to schools and other institutions in the area. It will be entered through a sculpted granite podium, and at the centre of the building will be a cathedral-style nave, its inspiration drawn from early church architecture.



The cross is formed by lakes

The county council has already set aside land worth £6.5 million at Cramlington. Visitors are expected to number 350,000 a year. Ken Morris, the council's managing director, said: "This cathedral would have enormous relevance.

"We feel our scheme is exciting and relevant to the millennium, particularly with it being the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ."

Credo

Foursquare truth comes full circle

Ian Goodhardt

The end: and then the beginning again.

This just about sums up the Jewish festival of Simchath Torah, which occurs tomorrow. It is the day upon which the annual cycle of reading the Torah, the first five books of the Bible, is concluded and immediately recommenced.

Beginnings and endings are an intrinsic part of life. Life itself begins and ends, and within each life relationships, jobs, projects of all sorts are embarked upon and concluded, often only to begin again. The rabbis, as always, have advice: "All beginnings are difficult": and again, "It all depends on the conclusion". While the early stages of any venture are especially demanding, as one struggles to get to grips with a new way of behaving or new skills, the value of that venture lies in what it eventually produces. There is deep wisdom in these two apparently banal aphorisms. When a child struggles with all the complexities of life, falls down and has to get up and try again and again, how comforting are those words: "Don't worry, *all* beginnings are difficult." A first driving lesson, the first week of a new job, the early years of a marriage or, more sadly, the early part of widowhood, the new mode of life which follows any dramatic change: they are all hard, and the wisdom of the ages is there to sympathise and encourage.

But sometimes it is the other way about. The beginning is already a distant memory. What we seek now is some light at the end of the tunnel. When a worker is involved in a large project, lost in the detail with no clear sense why it is worth continuing, those other words come ringing towards him: "There are few points just for trying. It all depends on a successful conclusion. Persistence is the key. Stay focused on the goal you set."

Almost everything in our life begins and ends. Almost everything. For the reading of the Bible, there is no ending. The urgency with which the annual Torah reading will be restarted tomorrow, only a few minutes after the completion of the previous year's reading, speaks volumes. Human beings need inspiration to help them to complete the tasks life presents, and the idea that anyone should have to go more than a few days without hearing the uplifting words of The Book was anathema to early Jewish leaders.

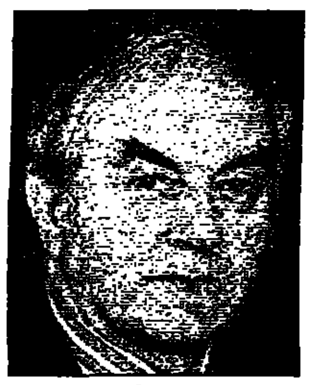
Ian Goodhardt is Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation in Leeds

Macleod supporters call talks in Wee Frees row

By Shirley English

A THIRD of ministers in the Free Church of Scotland will meet for emergency talks on Monday to discuss the "shameful treatment" of the Reverend Donald Macleod.

They are said to be angered by the "ludicrous and contradictory" decision of the church's Commission of Assembly to investigate Professor Macleod for heresy. At the same hearing this week, the Commission cleared three ministers of allegations that they had plotted against Professor Macleod, who teaches at the Free Church College in Edinburgh and was cleared of indecent assault charges in June.



Macleod: facing inquiry over heresy claims

The emergency meeting, thought to be taking place in Perth, has increased speculation of an imminent split within the 153-year-old Presbyterian church. The division appears to be between the fundamentalists, represented by the alleged conspirators, and the modernisers, who back Professor Macleod.

Yesterday the Rev Alex MacDonald, minister at Buccleuch and Greyfriars Free Church in Edinburgh, who called the meeting, said there was no strict agenda: "No one envisaged that the Commission would come up with anything so ludicrous and contradictory. Things are serious. There are no proposals for a split, but there is nothing ruled out whatsoever."

Around 30 of the 100 ministers in the "Wee Frees" are expected to attend, including Professor Macleod, 55. He said his phone had hardly stopped ringing since the Commission's decision was made public on Thursday.

"Such following as I have is mainly in the pews, but the brethren have been very strong in their encouragement. The reaction I have had from some is that the lunatics appear to have taken over the asylum."

Professor Hugh Cartwright, one of the three identified by the Commission as ministers who "may have lost the confidence of many in the church", said last night he had never been named as a conspirator nor been involved in a campaign to have Professor Macleod removed from office.

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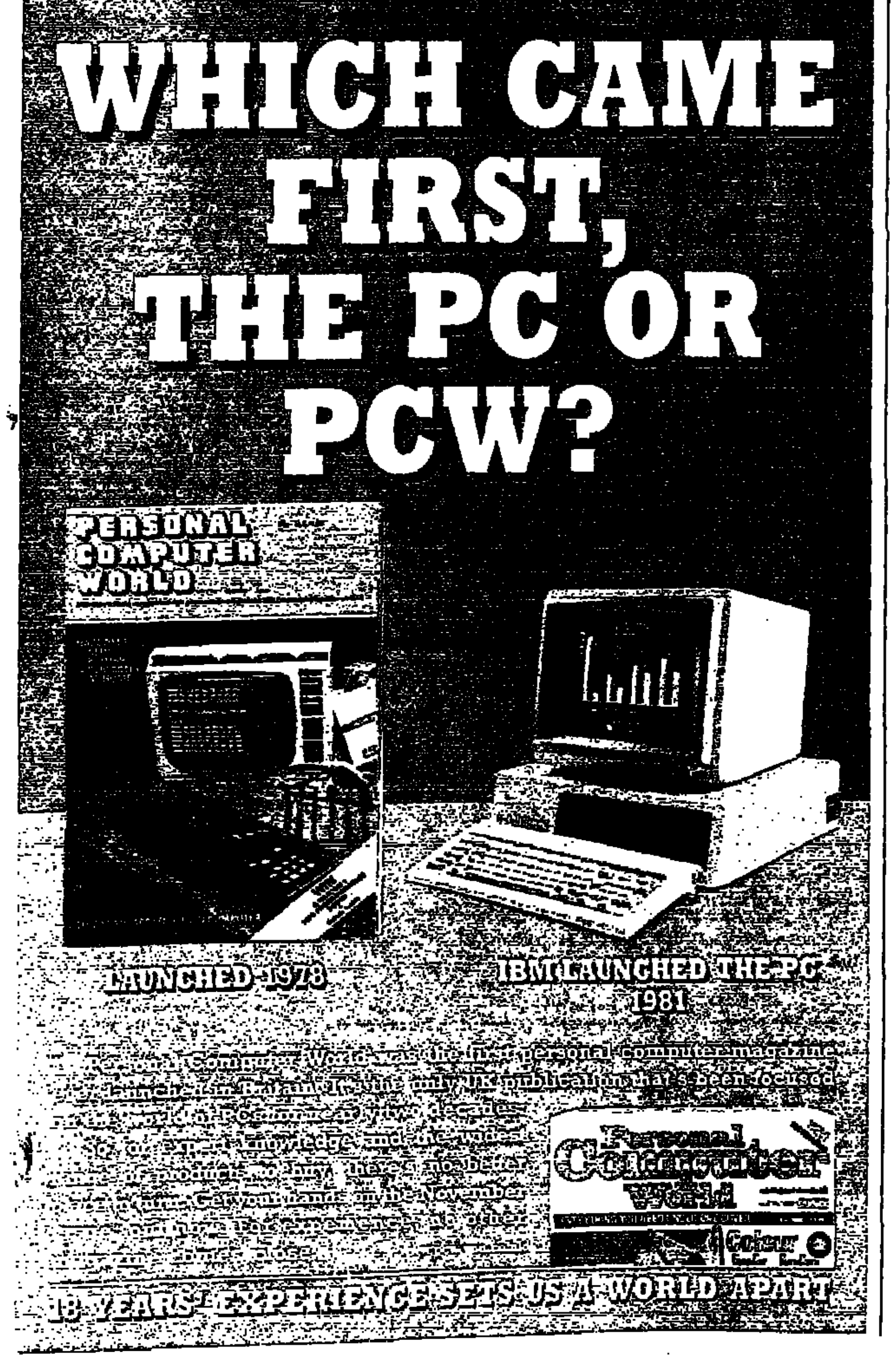

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The downfall of Jeremy Thorpe

At 6pm on Friday, October 24, Newton met Scott — the troublesome homosexual lover of the Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe — planning to take him onto Exmoor and shoot him. But there was a hitch: Rinka, Scott's great dane bitch, was with him . . .

Part 3 of the Jeremy Thorpe story — News Review, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Gardens outgrow fitted kitchens in the ideal home

By Rachel Kelly
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

DEVOTEES of the ideal home have trooped out of the kitchen into the garden. House owners intent on improving their property now add a patio or pergola, rejuvenate the lawn and flower beds or redesign the whole garden rather than install a fitted kitchen, according to a survey yesterday.

The Halifax Building Society said homeowners were becoming greenfingered to improve their standard of living rather than because they were planning to put their properties on the market. "One person's garden improvements could be someone else's garden disaster," a spokesman said. "Clearly our customers are increasingly finding gardening relaxing and enjoyable."

Despite a recovering property market, Central Statistical Office figures show that homeowners are staying put for an average of seven years rather than the five of the 1980s boom. Sales hover around a million a year, compared with two million then. When people move less often they work on longer-term improvements such as gardening, the Halifax said.

The keenest gardeners are in South Wales and the West, where 40 per cent of customers made such improvements, compared with 17 per cent in Scotland. Those selling their homes saw garden improvements as a desirable extra, along with home security, fitted bedrooms and conservatories. Over half of Halifax customers viewed a fitted kitchen, a modern bathroom, double glazing, a garage and a garden as necessary features of a new home.

The popularity of DIY is illustrated by the 33 per cent of customers who did improvements themselves: 48 per cent used local firms. Homeowners in the South West installed the most fitted bedrooms and conservatories. The South East had the most — 14 per cent — with DIY as a hobby. Fourteen per cent of them spend their spare time putting up shelves.

Northerners had converted the most lofts, the Scots regarded double glazing and central heating as necessities, Londoners and Midlanders were keenest on home security and the East had the most extensions. Seventy per cent of customers paid for improvements from savings. Only 14 per cent increased their mortgages.

IMPROVEMENTS

Previous figures in brackets

1996	'94	'92
1 double glazing	(1)	(1)
2 improving garden	(3)	(3)
3 fitted kitchens	(2)	(2)
4 new bathroom	(5)	(4)
5 central heating	(6)	(5)
6 home security	(4)	

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ARDEA

The water avens, which were found by wildlife enthusiasts in a meadow to be bulldozed for a new road

Discovery of rare plant in meadow threatened by Heathrow expansion embarrasses BAA

By Nick Nuttall

A RARE plant has been found by naturalists in the path of the proposed new Terminal 5 at Heathrow airport to the embarrassment of the developers.

The find challenges claims by BAA that it carried out a rigorous environmental assessment of the area, wildlife groups said yesterday. The plant, a small meadow species called water avens, was believed to be extinct in the Greater London area and possibly the South East.

The discovery of the colony of *Geum rivale*, which grows to about 3 in and sports pink-purple flowers, was made near the village of Longford by Ralph Gaines of the London Wildlife Trust and Jacqueline Shane, a critic of the proposed terminal, who lives in Richmond. The meadow is due to be bulldozed for a new spur road linking Heathrow to the M25 if the terminal is approved.

Mr Gaines, head of conservation at the trust, part of the national network of county wildlife trusts, said yesterday that BAA had failed to declare the presence of the plant in its environmental submission to the inquiry.

Cowslips, which have declined in recent years, were also found in the meadow but were absent from the research carried out for BAA by its ecological consultants. BAA said yesterday that it was aware of the colony and denied it had withheld its existence from the inquiry inspector. The road aspects of the proposed Terminal 5 were being submitted separately because it was more a matter for the Department of Transport and a study had begun to find a suitable new site for the plant.

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Award for novelist on Booker shortlist

By Erica Wagner

ROHINTON MISTRY, the author whose novel *A Fine Balance* has been shortlisted for the Booker Prize, has been awarded a 1996 Commonwealth Writers Prize, worth £10,000.

Announcing the award in Harare, Zimbabwe, Dr Humayun Khan, director of the Commonwealth Foundation, said the book was a worthy winner in a strong field. "It is a novel of power and conviction that cannot fail to engage the reader with its naturalistic exploration of the painful realities of some aspects of Indian society."

Mistry's first book, *Such a Long Journey*, won the prize in 1991 and was also shortlisted for the Booker. He has become the only writer in the history of the prize to have his first and second novels shortlisted.

Alastair Niven, literature director of the Arts Council and a previous judge of the Commonwealth and Booker prizes, speculated as to whether the Commonwealth win would affect the Booker decision. "Speaking as a former judge of the Booker, I know we tried to put out of our mind external considerations."

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Man held on Bondi killing is given bail

By Rachel Bridge

THE man accused of murdering a British tourist on Bondi Beach was yesterday released from prison on bail despite prosecution claims that he was short-tempered and had a "don't give a damn" attitude.

Aaron Martin is alleged to have killed Brian Hagland, 28, as the Londoner returned with his girlfriend from a party in the Sydney resort. After evidence from his mother and sister, Mr Martin was released on bail of A$25,000 (£12,700) on condition that he does not drink alcohol, obeys a curfew from 8pm to 7am and attends regular meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Judge Vince Bruce also ordered that Mr Martin, 22, live with his sister, be accompanied by a relative when he goes out and report to police daily. His mother said: "Deep down he is a kind and gentle person and he has got our support."

The prosecution, which may appeal against bail when Mr Martin reappears in court next month, said that he was attracted to brutal violence and would be a threat to the community if released. Mr Martin's lawyers said that he would be pleading not guilty to murder.

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Labour conference

The time to hesitate is over, Prescott tells floating voters

By Jill Sherman
Chief Political Correspondent

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JOHN PRESCOTT put the Labour Party on election footing yesterday with a declaration that "victory is within our grasp after seventeen long years".

In a barnstorming end-of-conference speech, the deputy leader rallied the party faithful, telling them they had only 200 days to ensure that Tony Blair became Prime Minister.

Mr Prescott also announced that ballot papers were being sent out to the party's 400,000 members and 2.6 million affiliated trade unionists to approve the party's draft manifesto. The move follows a conference vote on the document, which won support from 95 per cent of the 1,252 delegates. It also came after a defeat-free week for the party in which unions and constituency activists presented a united front.

Mixing a strong appeal for unity with jokes about the Tories, he urged Labour supporters and floating voters to get off the sidelines. "The time to hesitate is over. I appeal to you to join us in membership, join us in campaigning and make a decision."

He recalled the despair of defeat at the last election, saying: "Never, never again." The image of Neil Kinnock conceding defeat at the party's headquarters in Walworth Road would be extinguished only "when we see Tony Blair on the steps of 10 Downing Street, announcing a magnificent Labour victory in the next general election".

Labour wanted only a chance to serve, he said, recalling a phrase of John Smith's at a dinner on the eve of his death. "That will give new hope to pensioners, new hope to young people, new hope to the low paid and families, new hope for industry. New hope for the whole of the British people. We've had enough lies, enough sleaze, enough excuses. Enough is enough. We are united and ready to govern. This was the week when old and new came together — a Labour Party united, a Britain united. A new Labour government."

In a series of gibes at the Tories he called the Prime Minister "Galloping Major — running scared of Labour, running scared of his own MPs and running scared of an election." There was more bad news for Mr Major, he said. "They're closing his favourite eating place — the Happy Eater. He's so depressed. The Happy Eater was the only place to take his order."

Turning to the latest allegations of Tory party sleaze, Mr Prescott deftly avoided any mention of Baroness Turner of Camden, who was sacked from the Labour front bench on Thursday because of her connections with the lobbying firm Ian Greer Associates. He called for the former Tory minister Neil Hamilton's immediate resignation as an MP but said that Mr Major could not afford to lose him as he was the party's "immoral majority of one".

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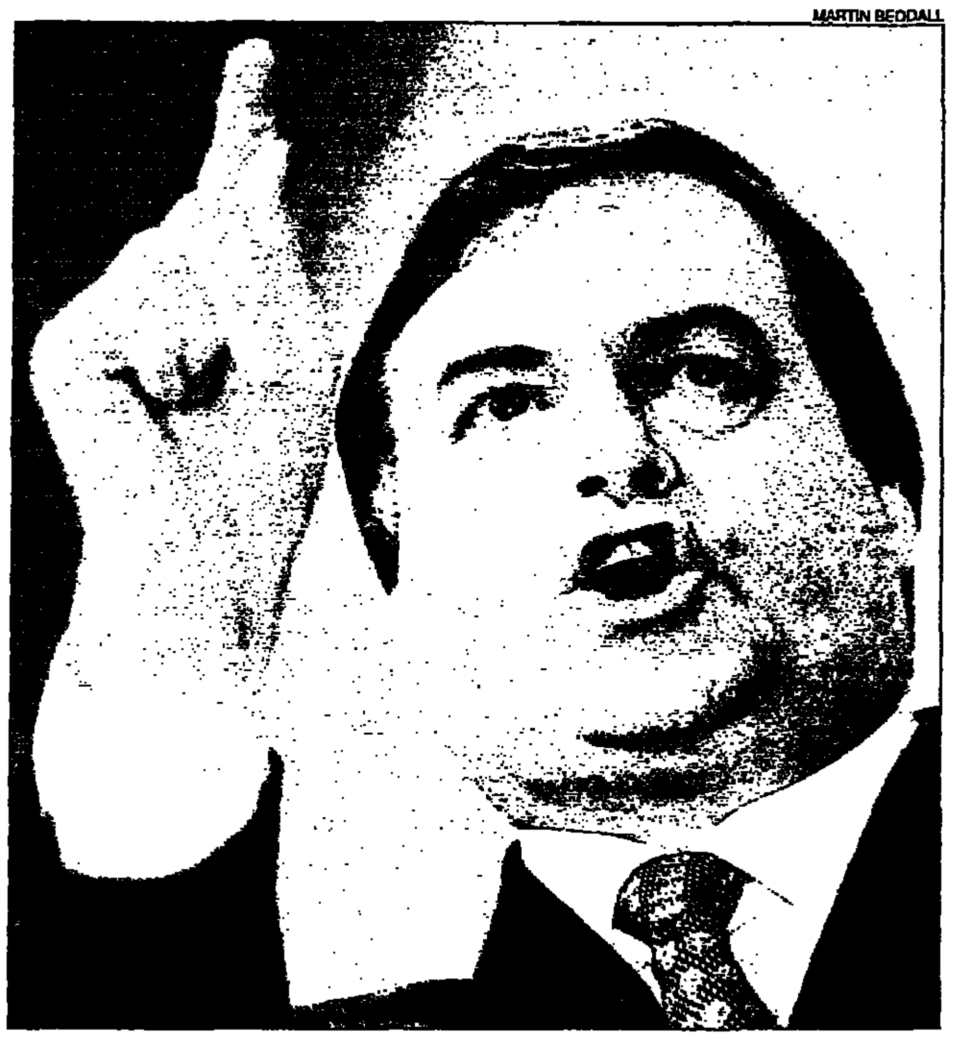

John Prescott: "Ask yourself each day, 'can I do more to secure a Labour victory?' "

He went on: "I'd like to ask John Major this: what morality is there . . . In one man making £34 million out of rail privatisation, when so many of our people live in poverty? Where's the morality in people being bussed from one hospital to another, begging to be admitted? Where's the morality in record crime? In record unemployment? Record bankruptcies? Record poverty? All the product of deliberate government policy. That's what I call immoral."

There was an alternative. He urged party members to vote for the draft manifesto, which he said it would make a real difference to the lives of ordinary people. But it would not be enough simply to put a cross in the right box.

"During the next 200 days ask yourself each day: did I do enough today, could I have done more to secure a Labour victory? Let that question stay in your mind right up to the general election."

Leaders seek to give members a greater say

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

THE Labour leadership wants to modernise the annual conference to give party members more say in the policymaking process.

Yesterday Tom Sawyer, the general secretary, mocked the present arrangements and told delegates that there were "scores of ways" in which the conference could be improved. "I don't believe that hundreds of people out there hopefully waving their hands in the air at the possible but remote opportunity of having three minutes at this rostrum really does add up to a democratic, conference-making process," he said.

But he was forced to return to the hall later to dispel some activists' fears that the leadership would impose changes on the party. "The only way that the role of conference can be altered is by conference debating and making the decision to change that role."

Senior figures are investigating ways of enabling all party members to have greater influence on their delegates. There is also a proposal to shorten the conference, which at five days is seen by some as too long.

A review of the party structure, including the role of the conference and the National Executive Committtee, is expected to be completed early next year. But the party says that there will be no changes to next year's conference.

At the heart of the review is a proposal to give all constituency parties and union leaderships prior access to policy motions that will be debated. At present, complicated policy motions are drawn up only on the eve of the conference, leaving decision-making to the 1,250 delegates, who are unable to consult fellow activists on the final motion.

The leadership says that the increasing membership, now approaching 400,000, should be consulted more frequently. It cites the party-wide ballot over the rewording of Clause Four of the party's constitution and the forthcoming vote on the draft manifesto as examples of members having more influence.

However, some long-standing party members suggest that plans to increase the influence of constituency members, many of whom have joined since Tony Blair became leader, are designed to weaken the grip over the conference of union delegates and "old Labour" activists.

Senior figures agree that drawing up policy motions well in advance will help to avoid the usual eve-of-conference conflict. Mr Sawyer emphasised the need to avoid disputes between the party and a Labour government.

Archer's flight leaves Tories disappointed

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

JEFFREY ARCHER has ended his role as the Tory party's chief cheerleader by declining any further speaking engagements from constituency associations.

The millionaire novelist flew to Washington yesterday to support Jack Kemp, the Republican vice-president, rather than attend the Tory conference, which starts in Bournemouth on Tuesday.

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare's conspicuous absence, for the first time in 20 years, has heightened speculation that his relationship with the party is not the love affair that it was. He flew to America after being asked to help Mr Kemp, an old friend, to prepare for a televised debate with Al Gore, the Vice-President.

Archer: rejected dozens of speaking requests

His decision has caused deep concern at Conservative Central Office. "Jeffrey is a tonic for the troops and one of our most energetic campaigners," a Tory source said. "I hope he is not offended."

But there is a strong suspicion among Tory MPs that he is. Since the end of July he has turned down dozens of speaking requests. Lord Archer, who friends say was disappointed not to have been given a ministerial job in the last reshuffle, spoke last year to 141 associations, travelling more than 24,000 miles and raising £1.4 million.

His pulling power at constituency events is legendary. At his last engagement, for Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, the room was so crowded that some guests brought their own tables, plates and cutlery.

A chairman of one West Midlands association said: "It's standing room only when Jeffrey comes. He charms people to death, delivers a good speech and we can even get autographed copies of his book. He is marvellous for fundraising."

Now all speaking requests are being turned away with a polite but unequivocal letter of regret from Lord Archer, whose staff say he is "not available". Central Office has received many complaints.

But yesterday Lord Archer insisted that he had not deserted the Tories. "I remain a 100 per cent supporter of the Prime Minister and the party," he said. "I remain convinced we can still win the next election."

However, when asked if he had plans to address any Conservative associations, he said: "No comment."

Next week his traditional role of cheering up the activists with a fund-raising appeal before the Prime Minister's speech will be performed by the former party chairman Lord Parkinson.

Lord Archer's absence will also deprive the conference of its social highlight, his fabled "Krug and Shepherd's Pie parties", which usually attract a full turnout from the Cabinet. He always restricted invitations to "politial editors, editors and ministers of Cabinet status", and enjoyed turning away junior ministers.

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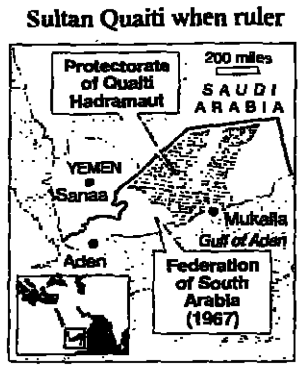
Sultan's return raises Yemen energy hopes

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Sultan Quaiti when ruler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Federation of South Arabia (1967)

TWENTY-NINE years after he was forced into exile by a British Government anxious to pull out of the Aden imbroglio, a former ruler of south Arabia has been welcomed home with huge tribal rejoicing and hopes that he will speed the development of Yemen's vast gas and oil resources.

Sultan Glalib al-Quaiti, at the age of 19, was the youngest ruler of the largest protectorate linked to the ill-fated South Arabian Federation before the British were forced to leave by the nationalist uprising in Aden. After his departure and subsequent exile in Saudi Arabia, he went to university in Britain, gaining degrees at both Oxford and Cambridge in Islamic history and Islamic studies.

The Sultan, closely related to the Nizam of Hyderabad, is an intellectual who speaks half-a-dozen languages and understands Tuareg. Described by friends as a serious, devout Muslim proud of his ancestry, he is a connoisseur of Muslim art, boasts an extensive collection of swords and has a valuable collection of rare books on Arabia. He completed a management training course in Britain and worked for Shell.

The Sultan ruled Quaiti Hadramaut, one of the harshest stretches of the Arabian coast, for only 11 months after the death of his father in 1966. In the chaos that surrounded the collapse of British rule, he was effectively abandoned by George Brown, then Labour Foreign Secretary, who committed Britain to recognition of the Marxist guerrillas — the National Liberation Front and the Front for the Liberation of South Yemen. "He always believed that the British Government was indirectly responsible," his wife said yesterday.

The Sultan returned to Yemen last month, where he was received with ceremony by the Government in Sanaa and members of the Yemeni Socialist Party politburo. He then flew home to Mukalla, the capital of Hadramaut, to an ecstatic reception. A cavalcade of more than 40 cars accompanied him to his hotel, tribal elders wept, crowds clapped and Beduin recited poems. "Forgive, O Sultan," one ran. "Your people ask for forgiveness, acknowledging they erred ... welcome, and 'Yes' to the Sultan." He is now the guest of tribesmen in Wadi Hadramaut, a desert valley.

Sultan Quaiti, "advised" by Britain to go to Geneva at the time of the coup, attempted briefly to recapture his throne, sailing from Saudi Arabia to Mukalla, as the colonial Government would not allow him passage through Aden. The British-backed Hadrami Bedouin Legion refused to allow him to land, however, and the Marxist NLF boarded his ship.

South and North Yemen united in 1992, and the Sanaa Government, after the discovery of extensive oil and gas reserves, now needs the expertise of bankers and businessmen to cope with the expected energy boom. It has promised to discuss restoring the Sultan's property.

JEFF BARNARD/AP

Kristina with her parents, Richard and Shanna Jacobson, after her ordeal ended with her kidnapper's death

Child sees marksman kill her kidnapper

Roseburg, Oregon: Kristina Jacobson, seven, hugged two new teddy bears and arranged her sweets by colour on a hospital blanket, apparently unaffected by seeing police kill her kidnapper after a wild 100-mile car chase.

The gunman was shot as he sat with Kristina in an overturned car on Interstate 5 in southern Oregon. "I can still picture him right in my head when he died," Kristina said shortly after her three-and-a-half hour ordeal.

Lance Sterling Alexander, 25, had abducted the Salem girl from a day-care centre on Thursday and led police on a chase at speeds of up to 110mph. He fired shots at other cars and hit ten, grazing the neck of one woman. A man and child were injured by flying glass. After his car ran over spikes set up by police, negotiations took place for about an hour while Alexander held a gun on the girl. Then a marksman shot him.

Kristina, treated in hospital for small metal fragments in a leg after the crash, later went home with her parents, Richard and Shanna Jacobson.

Death Row wedding for Night Stalker

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A MAN who murdered and dismembered 13 people in the 1980s has been married on death row to a freelance magazine writer. Her family does not approve.

Doreen Lioy, 41, became an object of bewilderment and outrage with her prison engagement to Richard Ramirez, 36, also known as the Night Stalker, in 1988. Relatives of her fiancé's victims have condemned San Quentin prison for allowing Ramirez to marry, while Ms Lioy's family boycotted the wedding. Prison officials said the couple will not be allowed to consummate the marriage.

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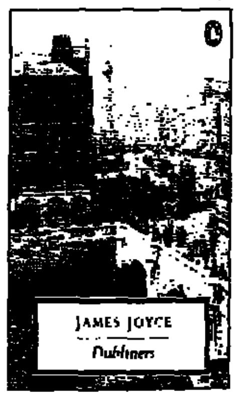

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Reed considers Bloomberg takeover

By Eric Reguly

REED ELSEVIER has evaluated Bloomberg Business News as a possible acquisition and has consulted advisers about buying into the American financial information group. The Anglo-Dutch publishing group has stated that it hopes to make a multibillion-dollar acquisition in America. Bloomberg is estimated to be worth $3 billion and would catapult Reed into the forefront of the real-time financial information industry.

Reed would not comment about Bloomberg and no deal is thought to be imminent. City sources, however, said that Nigel Stapleton, co-chairman of Reed, might welcome the opportunity to open negotiations with Michael Bloomberg, the flamboyant former Salomon Brothers trader who founded Bloomberg in the early 1980s and owns 70 per cent of the company. Merrill Lynch, the Wall Street securities house, owns the rest.

Bloomberg and Reed are no strangers to each other. In April, Reed announced that the Bloomberg daily market surveys would be available on Reed's Nexis-Lexis on-line information service. Bloomberg and Reed said that they have "formed a long-term partnership in which they will explore ways to leverage the complementary strengths of both companies".

Bloomberg is the fastest growing competitor to Reuters. It made its name by developing a user-friendly analytical tool for bond traders and its terminals have since become more sophisticated. Mr Bloomberg's empire now includes a news service, magazines, newsletters and radio stations.

Bloomberg has about 53,000 terminals in use compared with the 340,000 at Reuters. Financial information about the company is scant because it is private. Bloomberg had estimated operating cashflow of $260 million last year. Turnover was about $650 million, up from $520 million in 1994. Based on the £12.7 billion market value of Reuters, equivalent to almost five times last year's turnover, analysts said that Bloomberg could be worth $3 billion.

An acquisition of that size is well within Reed's reach. The company, jointly owned by Reed International of the UK and Elsevier of The Netherlands, has built up a cash pile from the sale of its consumer businesses.

It is not known whether Mr Bloomberg is willing to sell his controlling stake in Bloomberg, or take in an equity partner.

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NU acts to halt policy 'scam'

By Marianne Curphey

NORWICH UNION has launched a top-level investigation into allegations that financial advisers are encouraging "carpetbaggers" to make fraudulent backdated applications for new policies.

The suspected scam follows NU's announcement that it intends to float on the stock market and pay each policyholder a windfall of around £500 in free shares.

The inquiry will look into claims that at least one financial adviser, working in the South East, has been encouraging clients to apply for new policies and fraudulently backdating applications to before midnight on October 1, when membership was frozen.

NU said yesterday: "We take this extremely seriously. In the first instance we will report anyone we find behaving in this way to the Personal Investment Authority. To go to the police we would need to prove that there had been criminal intent." It went on: "If an IFA who normally sends us one or two forms a week suddenly submits 25, we will investigate. Most IFAs are honest . . . but there is always one bad apple. We will interview customers and look at whether cheques have been written out of sequence."

The problem has arisen because NU has promised to be flexible over the October 1 deadline, and has told advisers that it will accept "pipeline cases" — applications that had been completed but not processed — up to close of business yesterday.

James Duffell, NU spokesman, said: "We are determined that innocent qualifying members will not lose out . . . We do not want their entitlement diluted."

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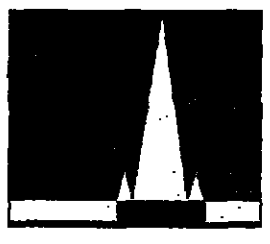

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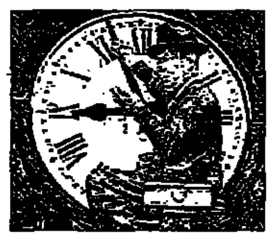

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US jobs data help equities to record

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

LONDON shares bounded into record territory above the 4,000 level again after surprisingly weak American employment figures which allayed fears of higher US interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index jumped 24.4 points to close at a record 4,024.4. German shares in Frankfurt also hit a new high as American stocks and bonds surged after the jobs report which provided unexpected but clear vindication of the US Federal Reserve's recent decision not to raise interest rates.

The US unemployment rate increased to 5.2 per cent in September from 5.1 per cent in August and the number of jobs in the economy fell for the first time since January — a month when the economy had been abnormally depressed by winter blizzards and government shutdowns during an impasse on the American budget.

September saw non-farm payrolls decrease by a seasonally adjusted 40,000 after a healthy rise of 241,000 in August. Wall Street economists had expected 166,000 jobs to have been created outside the agricultural sector. The number in manufacturing employment fell 57,000 in September having risen by 18,000 in August, a clear sign that American industry is losing some steam.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 50 points to a new trading high of 5,983.17 after the figures before settling back to stand about 32 points higher in early afternoon trading.

The Treasury bond market surged ahead with the benchmark 30-year bond up more than a full point at midday, allowing its yield to drop to 6.74 per cent. The euphoria in the US bond market spilt over into Europe where British government bonds posted gains of nearly a full point.

The positive implications for the US economy of what appears to be a spontaneous slowdown in growth, without the added depressive of higher interest rates, were not lost on Robert Reich, US Labor Secretary. He said that there was growing evidence that the economy had slowed down to a more sustainable pace from the 4.8 per cent growth seen in the second quarter.

He said he saw no sign of wages pushing up inflation and said that it was possible that unemployment could fall even further than the 5.1 per cent level recorded in August.

Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said that the jobs report was "consistent with our view that the economy is continuing on its path of steady, sustained expansion".

On September 24, the Federal Open Market Committee opted to keep US interest rates unchanged, although many financial market participants had expected a small rise in the Fed Funds rate to help to slow the economy down and prevent any flare up of inflationary pressures.

Economists at HSBC James Capel said: "The Fed recognised the weakness in the real economy that has developed in the third quarter by leaving rates unchanged in September. This report vindicates that decision."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Suburban safari: Professor David Bellamy, vice-president of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, leads a school visit to Well Wood near Bromley in Kent, to mark a joint venture with Nynex, the cable company, to encourage conservation

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4024.8	(+24.8)
Yield	3.89%	
FTSE All share	1975.27	(+9.52)
Nikkei	21148.03	(-183.47)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5968.02	(+33.17)*
S&P Composite	699.60	(+6.82)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{1}{16}$%*	($5\frac{1}{4}$%)
Long Bond	$100\frac{3}{32}$*	($98\frac{31}{32}$)
Yield	6.74%*	(6.84%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	$5\frac{27}{32}$%	($5\frac{27}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	$110\frac{15}{16}$	($109\frac{29}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5630*	(1.5656)
London:		
$	1.5631	(1.5661)
DM	2.3908	(2.3971)
FFr	8.0945	(8.1101)
SFr	1.9628	(1.9647)
Yen	174.38	(174.57)
£ Index	87.1	(87.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5300*	(1.5302)
FFr	5.1795*	(5.1828)
SFr	1.2563*	(1.2558)
Yen	111.61*	(111.46)
$ Index	97.5	(97.6)

Tokyo close Yen 111.53

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$23.20	($23.20)

GOLD

London close	$380.45	($379.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Eurotunnel shows banks its progress

By Jonathan Prynn
transport correspondent

EUROTUNNEL yesterday sent its banks a timely reminder of its rapidly improving operating performance as its 26 main lenders met in London to consider its £4 billion refinancing plan.

Channel Tunnel traffic figures for September showed that the total of tourist vehicles carried on Le Shuttle trains more than doubled to 224,759, from 108,947 in September of last year.

At a four-hour meeting, refinancing terms were put to the 26 "instructing banks" for consideration later. All 225 banks on the syndicate and two thirds of shareholders must ratify them. Details are expected on Monday.

IEA says benefit of EU is marginal

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE economic effects on Britain if it chose to leave the European Union would be marginal, according to a new study published by the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Better Off Out?: The Benefits or Costs of EU Membership by Brian Hindley and Martin Howe concludes that the gain or loss of withdrawal would probably be less than 1 per cent of GDP.

The authors conclude from this that a British government, faced with unacceptable political developments, should not be deterred from changing Britain's relationship with the EU, or even leaving as a last resort, because it fears adverse economic consequences.

Mr Howe said yesterday: "Our clear conclusion is that even the worst case (pulling out of the EU) wouldn't be economically disastrous. If politics should compel the country to go along that line, we shouldn't hold back because of economics."

The European Movement — which boasts Edwina Currie and Peter Mandelson among its vice-chairmen — said the economic and political benefits of Britain's EU membership were both real and substantial. It particularly pointed out the benefits of access to the single market.

The IEA report acknowledged that Britain could lose out in this respect if the EU were to erect trade barriers on its departure.

Telekom sell-off prospectus issued

By Eric Reguly

THE sale of Deutsche Telekom, the German Government's flagship privatisation and the largest European public offering of 1996, got under way in earnest yesterday with the publication of the issue's prospectus.

The German Government said it will sell 500 million Deutsche Telekom shares, about 20 per cent of the phone company's enlarged equity capital, to raise about DM15 billion. The shares' price range is to be announced on October 22 and the final price set by November 17. They are to start trading on the Frankfurt and New York stock exchanges on November 18, and in Tokyo a day later.

If the sale flops, Bonn's privatisation programme — from the railways to the post office — could be put in jeopardy. The challenge is to convince individual German investors, who have little experience in buying equities, to take the risk.

About 50 per cent of the issue is expected to be sold in Germany. Analysts said that North American and British investors could soak up most of the 50 per cent foreign tranche. However, foreigners will not be eligible for share discounts unless they have German bank accounts. Analysts think the shares will be priced at the middle or upper end of the expected DM20 to DM30 range. Joachim Kröske, Deutsche Telekom's finance director, said that the company will pay DM1.5 billion in dividends this year, rising to DM3 billion next year. This would give the shares a gross yield of about 5.7 per cent, against a yield of only about 2.1 per cent for the German stock market as a whole.

Deutsche Telekom expects profits from ordinary activities of DM6 billion next year, on turnover of DM60 billion, against DM4 billion this year.

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EXECUTIVE VOICE

Allan Bridgewater

Next year, Norwich Union will be celebrating its bicentenary. Earlier this week, we announced that we would also be seeking our members' support for the flotation of Norwich Union on the London Stock Exchange. More than once, over the past few days, I've been asked why we now plan to move away from a mutual structure after such a long and successful history as a mutual society. The answer, put simply, is that we need to change our corporate structure now to ensure that we remain fully able to compete into the next century, and therefore to achieve the full potential of Norwich Union's business on our owners' behalf.

The flotation proposal offers several advantages. It will transfer ownership of our general insurance businesses from the life fund to shareholders, thereby reducing the exposure of our life and pension policyholders to the volatility and cyclicality of the general insurance markets. At the same time it will unlock the "hidden value" of our general insurance and overseas subsidiaries, and improve our access to capital markets.

The insurance and investment markets are changing rapidly in a number of ways. There is a general recognition that the demand for long-term savings and pensions products is likely to grow steadily in coming years. Both in the UK and in the other countries where we operate around the world — Ireland, France, Spain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — there is a clear recognition, among economists and politicians in all parties, of the need for change in the funding of welfare benefits. Demographic trends will make it impossible to sustain an ever-increasing burden through taxation alone. It will be essential to encourage those who are financially able to do so to make increased provision for their retirement, for medical care and for long-term care. There is clearly a vital role for the insurance industry to play, with its unique combination of underwriting and long-term investment skills.

At the same time, however, the insurance industry will face competition to meet these needs — for example from banks and other financial institutions (who may see greater potential in this area than in their relatively flat traditional markets) and from successful retailers. Like many other industries, we also anticipate that technology will continue to change the way customers choose to deal with us — for example, the telephone has rapidly become the preferred way of dealing with motor and household claims because we can give our customers a better and faster service. None of us can yet foresee the ultimate impact of newer technologies such as the Internet.

Norwich Union is well placed today to meet these challenges — we have a broad product and a strong reputation among customers for long-term investment. We are more tightly focused as a business on our individual customers than, for example, some other composite insurers, who also have large interests in commercial insurance overseas. There is no immediate need for us to expand by acquisition and we have made it very clear that we are not seeking to raise a "war chest". To maintain for our owners the value of our strong market position, however, we will need to be able to respond rapidly to the opportunities and challenges that will arise over the next few years.

Becoming a plc is clearly a significant step for us, but I am confident that Norwich Union is now ready to come to the stock market and to attract further investor support. For a number of years, we have managed our business in accordance with financial disciplines that are similar to those of quoted insurers. We have also strengthened our management and professionalism of our staff and the quality of our products and service.

I believe that successful businesses can only remain successful, and continue to meet their customers' needs in a changing world, by continuing to renew their own structure and capabilities. I like to think that, in moving on from mutuality, we are firmly in the tradition of our founder Thomas Bignold, who created Norwich Union almost 200 years ago in order to provide customers with better insurance protection.

☐ *Allan Bridgewater is Group Chief Executive of Norwich Union and a former chairman of the Association of British Insurers.*

Orange deals double card

Orange, the mobile telephone company, will today announce the launch of its own credit card in cooperation with NatWest. The card will offer interest-free credit for up to 56 days, a first year APR of 17.2 per cent and no annual fee during the initial 12 months.

The card will also double as a global telephone card with the cost of the calls being charged to the credit card account. It will be offered to Orange telephone customers over the next few weeks.

Caring sale

Ashbourne, the nursing homes group, has sold for £4 million its 90-bed caring home in Aberdeen to the British Aerospace pension fund. Ashbourne, which is divesting itself of some property assets, will continue to rent, and run, the home from the new owners.

Phone plan

Atlantic Telecom is raising £23.2 million through a placing and open offer to expand its radio-based digital telephone network in greater Glasgow. The service will run in competition to BT and the cable companies. Close Brothers is placing 20.1 million shares on a 2-for-15 basis at 25p each. The shares closed ¼p easier at 26p yesterday.

O'Reilly group's Ir£442m NZ bid given go-ahead

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin
and Rachel Bridge in Sydney

Tony O'Reilly: his companies already own 45 per cent of the New Zealand publisher.

SHAREHOLDERS of Independent Newspapers, Ireland's largest media group, yesterday formally approved the company's offer to acquire Wilson and Horton. Ratification of a bid for the New Zealand publishing group came at an extraordinary meeting in Dublin.

On September 16, Independent Press Communications, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Irish group, offered NZ$10.50 a share for the Auckland-based company, valuing it at Ir£442 million. The Irish group and other companies linked to Tony O'Reilly already own 45 per cent of the New Zealand group.

The group announced last month that it intended to offer NZ$10.50 a share for the remaining shares in Wilson and Horton. New Zealand analysts initially dismissed the Independent Newspaper's offer as being far too low and shares in Wilson and Horton jumped to a high of NZ$10.75 on news of the bid, anticipating that a higher offer would emerge. Raymond Webb, analyst at ANZ Securities, said: "There had been speculative buying from investors who were of the opinion that the bid undervalues Wilson and Horton, and that there was a possibility it would be raised."

However, the appearance yesterday of a report by the stockbroker, Southpac Corporation, declaring that the Independent Newspaper's offer was "fair" dampened hopes of a higher offer and Wilson and Horton's shares fell 13 cents, to NZ$10.57 (£4.80) on the New Zealand stock exchange. Southpac Corporation said that the bid was within its assessed value range of NZ$10.20 to NZ$11.10 a share.

However, John Cairns, head of research at Cavill White Securities, said that in spite of the report, Independent would still find it difficult to take control of the company at a price of NZ$10.50. He said: "I would think that their primary objective is to get in excess of 50 per cent so that they've actually got control of the cashflows."

Independent Newspapers says that the acquisition of Wilson and Horton would represent a further important stage in its strategy of developing strong market positions in its core businesses of newspapers, magazines, electronic media and outdoor advertising. In the half year to June, Wilson and Horton made a pre-tax profit of NZ$28.1 million (£12.7 million) on revenues of NZ$212.9 million.

Union condemns Barclays job cuts

By Robert Miller

A LEADING finance union yesterday accused Barclays Bank of "dumping more misery on staff in time for Christmas" with the announcement of more than 200 job losses.

Bifu, the banking, insurance and finance union, said that it had warned the bank's staff "to be on the alert against bullying or pressure to accept what Barclays call targeted voluntary redundancies". Bifu added that Barclays and NatWest had each cut more than 20,000 jobs since 1990.

Barclays dismissed Bifu's claim as "rubbish". A spokesman said that the bank had announced in March that it was seeking 1,000 voluntary redundancies among administrative staff by the end of the year. To date, 800 people had volunteered and now the bank had launched a drive to meet its target.

Meanwhile, officials of Bifu and the NatWest Staff Association yesterday hailed an agreement signed with NatWest Bank extending a "no compulsory redundancy" deal into next year and until further notice. However, Noel Howell, of Bifu, said: "NatWest is still closing branches faster than any other high street bank and at the end of the present no compulsory redundancy agreement, thousands more jobs will be lost."

The UK banking sector is still poised to shed tens of thousands more jobs and close hundreds of branches between now and the end of the decade. Next month, the newly enlarged Lloyds TSB group, which has 3,000 branches, is expected to launch a private parliamentary bill seeking powers to merge accounts without seeking individual agreement from millions of customers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lang likely to delay decision on airlines

THE final decision on whether the link-up of British Airways and American Airlines should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is likely to be delayed by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. The Office of Fair Trading this week passed its three-month study on the proposed BA deal to Mr Lang. A decision had been expected for Monday but insiders now say an announcement during the Tory party conference next week was unlikely.

BA received a boost when the European Commission yesterday signalled that it was moving to legalise the trade in take-off and landing slots. The lack of freely available slots is one of the anti-competitiveness arguments against the alliance. Slots are exchanged at twice-yearly airline meetings, but some have been traded in an unregulated grey market.

Portman in £21m MBO

PORTMAN TRAVEL, the UK's fourth-largest business travel agency, was bought yesterday by its managers in a £21.4 million buyout, backed by NatWest Ventures and others. Portman employs 370 staff and has 44 offices around the country. It is the largest independent business travel agent in a market dominated by the big multiple players, such as American Express and Hogg Robinson.

Irish benefits decline

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit in the Irish Republic has fallen for the second successive month, according to the Central Statistics Office. The seasonally adjusted figure for September was 281,400, down from 284,300 in August, giving the Irish Republic an unemployment rate of 12.4 per cent. The reopening of several companies that closed for summer contributed to the reduction.

Waterman on a high

WATERMAN PARTNERSHIP, the housing consultant, said its order book had grown to the highest levels in its 43 years. Pre-tax profits doubled to £667,000 in the year to June 30, on sales up by 33 per cent, to £13.9 million. Earnings per share doubled to 2.6p. A final dividend of 0.7p, due on November 27, makes a total of 1.2p (1p). The shares rose 5p, to a 12-month high of 46½p.

Hughes rises to record

A RETURN to its traditional strategy is paying off for TJ Hughes, the discount retailer. The group, based in Liverpool, lifted pre-tax profits from £62,000 to a record £361,000 in its first half, to July 31. "We have gone back to basics," said Eric Hodges, chairman. The group, with 16 department stores in the North West and the Midlands, lifted sales 28 per cent, to £28.5 million. The dividend rises 5 per cent, to 0.84p.

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Perpetual set to decide on Refuge deal

By Marianne Curphey

THE fate of Refuge Assurance's proposed merger with United Friendly is likely to be decided within days. Perpetual, one of Refuge's largest shareholders, will announce early next week whether it is backing the deal.

Perpetual has just over 7 per cent of Refuge. Two other institutional shareholders, Britannic and Prudential, which have a 16 per cent stake between them, are supporting the merger.

Refuge has to secure acceptances from shareholders owning 50 per cent of its shares for the merger to go through. A majority of United Friendly shareholders have accepted the terms.

If Perpetual backs the deal, Refuge will have acceptances from institutions holding 21 per cent of shares, almost half the quota needed.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.08	1.92
Austria Sch	17.84	16.34
Belgium Fr	52.28	47.89
Canada $	2.237	2.077
Cyprus Cyp£	0.785	0.710
Denmark Kr	9.75	8.85
Finland Mrk	7.71	7.06
France Fr	8.50	7.85
Germany Dm	2.55	2.34
Greece Dr	393	368
Hong Kong $	12.74	11.74
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.37	4.72
Italy Lira	2498	2333
Japan Yen	188.70	172.70
Malta	0.607	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.837	2.607
New Zealand $	2.39	2.17
Norway Kr	10.73	9.93
Portugal Esc	253.50	235.00
S Africa Rd	7.57	6.87
Spain Pta	208.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	10.99	10.19
Switzerland Fr	2.10	1.92
Turkey Lira	147000	139000
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A WORKING WEEK FOR: HOWARD DAVIES

Major-domo at home at Bank of England

Jon Ashworth meets the man at the centre of debates that touch the nation's pockets, and sees a surprise in his elegant old desk

IT IS EASY to get lost in the Bank of England. The route to the Deputy Governor's office starts in a grandiose reception area, peopled by footmen in pink waistcoats and top hats, and winds through a labyrinth of passages, the connecting doors so heavy that they could be lined with gold from the vaults below. More doors, more passages, then there it is, the central chamber, and a lurking Minotaur, in the crisp-shirted form of Howard Davies.

Davies, 45, is not, in fact, so much lurking as downright ebullient. He has just been voted one of the world's 50 most desirable men by listeners of Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*, chosen with the likes of Eric Cantona and Lenny Henry, and is inclined to accept an invitation to the celebratory party — but not alone, mind. It would not do to discover someone has been having fun at his expense.

Davies has been running the Bank of England this week — his first long solo stint since becoming Deputy Governor just over a year ago. Eddie George, the Governor, is holidaying in India, and Davies has the run of Threadneedle Street. He appears to relish the task, entertaining a delegation from China one morning, and making speeches in Liverpool the next.

Sex appeal, of course, did for Davies's predecessor, Rupert Pennant-Rea, who fell victim to a kiss-and-tell episode in March 1995. Bank insiders joke of "the scene of the crime" — supposedly marked in chalk in a nearby room. Davies does not think Pennant-Rea's antics did any lasting harm. "People make the odd joke, you know, but not, I have felt, in a way which suggested that it's had any impact on either the status of the institution in general, or the role of the Deputy Governor in particular," he says.

The former CBI Director-General pretends to be put out at having been thought a safe bet. "I was slightly offended when I first got the job that I wasn't asked more closely about my private life — apparently on the assumption that I couldn't possibly be thought of doing that sort of thing," he recalls. "I felt like saying, 'Come on, I am red-blooded too, you know'."

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Frivolity aside, Davies is charged with the all too serious task of running one of Britain's key institutions. As Deputy Governor, he plays chief executive to Eddie George's chairman, maintaining day-to-day control over an organisation that employs 3,700 people — 2,500 of them in the London headquarters — and which spans printing works, markets and financial supervision. As chairman of the Bank's management committee, Davies is responsible for staffing, property issues, pay negotiations, and so on. He also takes the lead in banking supervision — an issue to the fore since the fall of Barings.

Constantly shuffling personnel is one of the more tiresome aspects of the job. "It's like one of those plastic games where you keep on trying to make the pattern, and never quite achieve it," Davies says. "That is quite wearing, but I think every chief executive would recognise that — the conflicting demands of different areas."

A short passage links the rooms of Governor and Deputy Governor, and I am allowed a quick look at Eddie George's parlour — cavernous, steeped in old world charm and opening on to a garden, where he can stroll in peace.

The splendour belies a practical approach to running the nation's finances. The Bank has funny habits — rooms are called parlours, concierges are footmen — but discussions are the same as in any business. Davies says: "The style of the place is different, in terms of its outward manifestations. It's men in pink coats, and marble halls, and that sort of thing, and that's what people expect, and why disappoint them — as long as it doesn't mean your internal working practices become excessively formal.

"Fortunately, for the most part, I don't think that's the case. It might be slightly odd that when you come to a meeting to discuss monetary policy there is a man with a pink coat who's making sure that everybody's there, and tea and coffee come in silver things, but once that's done, you have as lively an argument about interest rates, and with people telling each other what they think of them, and their views, in a way that you would anywhere else. It doesn't, in my view, carry over into a great formality of interpersonal relationships within the Bank."

The Deputy Governor's week varies greatly, depending on the stage in the Bank's monthly cycle. The ten days leading up to a monthly monetary meeting start with the review committee, chaired by Davies, which considers issues such as housing demand, retail sales and money supply. The meeting lasts half a day, and involves about 40 people. It ends with a debate on whether interest rates should move — which suddenly brings the Bank very close to your pocket.

Davies makes it sound easy. "One of the nice things about this process is that, although the arguments are complicated, the ultimate decision's quite simple," he says. "There are only three things you can do with interest rates, really — put 'em up, put 'em down, or keep them the same." The consensus is outlined in a draft letter, dispatched to the Treasury for further debate. Finally, Governor and Deputy Governor and the Chancellor and Treasury officials decide a course of action.

CHRIS HARRIS

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, controls an organisation employing 3,700 and "promoting British financial institutions overseas"

Davies spends much of his time on financial regulation, and on articulating the Bank's messages to the outside world. The debate about European monetary union (EMU) is to the fore. "I do quite a lot of speaking, particularly at the moment focused on EMU, not trying to make the decision, but trying to explain to people what is going on in other countries, and how the transition works," Davies says.

He spent last weekend at a conference in Italy, and was engrossed in internal meetings for much of Monday and Tuesday. Wearing his ceremonial hat, he welcomed a delegation from Shanghai, which recently signed an accord with London, aimed at increasing co-operation between the two cities. "I think with our broad role in the City we feel that we have an interest in promoting British financial institutions overseas," he says.

The end of the week found Davies in Liverpool, addressing students about banking supervision, and talking about monetary union to the Liverpool Cotton Association. He visited the Bank's local agent — one of several outposts throughout the UK — and met trade unions. On Friday night, he took a taxi from Liverpool to Rochdale — "to stay with my mum". He had hoped to see Manchester City play West Bromwich, but the match has been postponed, and he will cut his mother's hedge instead.

Davies was not around for the Bank's biggest test of recent years — the collapse of Barings — but has had his share of excitement. This week's manoeuvring at Eurotunnel was raised at the Bank's morning meeting, known as "Books". Officials gather at 8.45, assessing developments in foreign markets, the exchanges, and the money and domestic capital markets. "We do that for about ten minutes," says Davies, "then we laugh at what's in the press. And then we share other running stories."

Two weeks ago, the running story was Morgan Grenfell. Davies says: "The Bank needs to watch very carefully, either individual market cases, or market moves, because of our interest in financial stability." Eurotunnel, while nothing like Barings, which threatened systemic collapse, was nevertheless watched with care. "There was a reputational issue, clearly, in terms of the London market, and it knocks on into private finance," Davies says. "There are big issues raised by Eurotunnel, but I don't think that they are to do with bank failure."

Speeches are an important part of the job, and Davies picks his speaking engagements with care. "If there's an audience out there that actually wants a proper exposition from the Bank of England in a light, but hopefully correct, way, on what we think we're trying to do on banking supervision, or what's going on on EMU, or how we see the shape of the economy, then I quite enjoy doing that, and I quite enjoy the question and answer process," he says. "What I do not enjoy are the events where people think that they want to have the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England because that gives some status to the event."

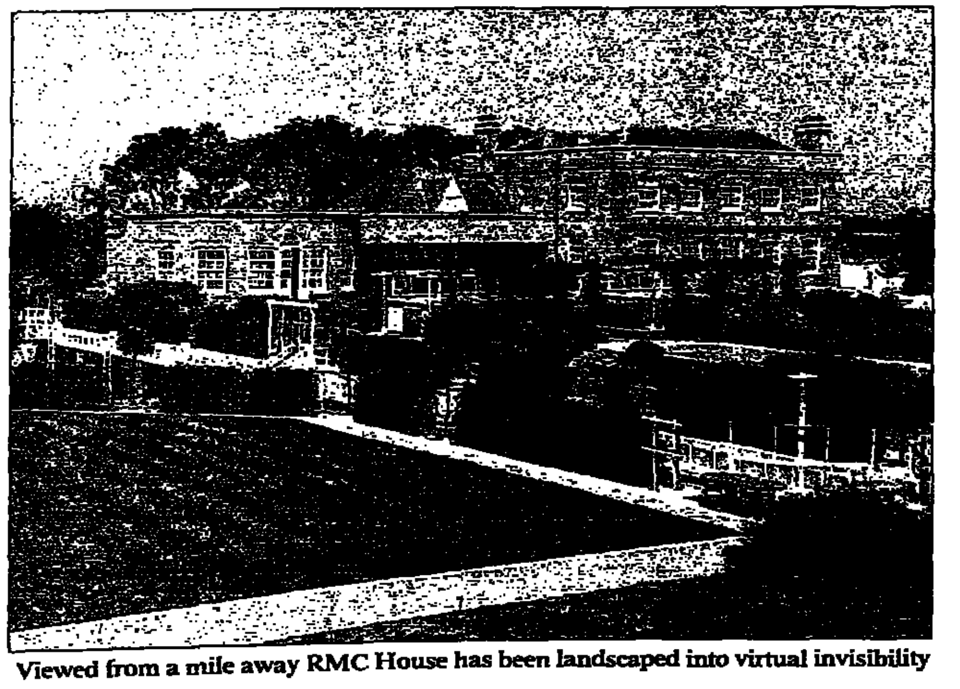
He adds: "We want to convince people that the Bank actually does pay attention to what's going on in the real economy, as opposed to the financial economy. We're sensitive to criticism that we're too focused on financial indicators only."

The secret, Davies says, is not to be seduced by the Old Lady's grandeur. "In a way, the desk is a sort of symbol of that," he says, gesturing to his desk by the window. "It is an old elegant partner's desk. Built into it is a rather sophisticated set of screens with e-mail and everything else. That, in a sense, is a metaphor for the style the Bank, I think, likes to adopt, and I'm quite comfortable with that."

HIDDEN ASSETS

Roof garden the crowning glory of new headquarters

Joanna Pitman discovers why the beautifully disguised RMC House has won a host of awards



Viewed from a mile away RMC House has been landscaped into virtual invisibility

It takes a certain amount of cunning, and perhaps gall, to succeed in commissioning the building of a distinctly Modernist corporate headquarters providing 3,500 square metres of new office accommodation, training facilities and more, on a site surrounded by *listed buildings that is both in the heart of the metropolitan green belt* and overlooked by one of Surrey's cherished viewpoints, St Ann's Hill, just south of the M3-M25 intersection. *But this is what the RMC Group has* done with great aplomb.

The group's new headquarters has been cleverly integrated into its surroundings. The new buildings are concealed within the lines of the landscape and disguised with gardens. The listed buildings have been restored and adapted with sympathy to meet the modern-day needs of a multinational company's headquarters.

The result, known as RMC House, has won more design and architectural awards, more landscaping prizes and general green acclaim than one might believe possible. The reason it has pulled in such an impressive haul of prizes is largely because when Surreyites climb up their beloved St *Ann's Hill to stand at the top and* sweep the horizon, they can barely tell it's there.

Viewed from a mile away, RMC House has been landscaped into virtual invisibility. Yet Edward Cullinan Architects, working closely with Derek Lovejoy Partnership, the landscape architects, have managed to come up with a scheme that both retains the historic elements and also provides new offices, conference rooms and training facilities, including 26 study bedrooms, a laboratory and recreation areas for resident staff and training course delegates.

To return the whole site to its original landscaped appearance within the garden boundaries, hedged off garden areas have been planted over the 4,500 sq ft roof of the new buildings.

This must be one of the largest roof gardens in Britain. It has lawns, *shrub borders, paths, pergolas (and handrails around the entire perimeter*, concealed in yew hedges) and computer-controlled irrigation and drainage systems.

And if the roof garden is not enough, staff and training residents can make use of the indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, squash and tennis courts, sauna and snooker room. Given that RMC Group specialises in supplying materials to the building industry it was able to provide many of the products and services required in building its own new headquarters.

The group has an extensive range and an extensive sales reach, employing more than 27,000 internationally, in operations throughout Europe, the United States and Israel. Worldwide sales in 1995 were £4.5 billion, derived largely from the production of ready mixed concrete, sand, gravel, quarried materials, lime, mortar, rolled asphalts and macadams and pre-cast concrete products, such as "wave-walkers", those lunar module-shaped concrete blocks fixed on beaches to minimise coastal erosion.

Founded in 1930 with its first ready mixed concrete plant in Bedfont, Middlesex, the firm quickly expanded through acquisition into continental Europe. Today it owns or has a controlling share in 41 subsidiary and associated companies across Europe, the US and Israel. In 1979 RMC Group diversified into leisure and now owns and operates the Thorpe Park leisure complex in Surrey as well as Leisure Sport Angling.

Glamour has never been readily associated with the building materials business, but the new RMC House serves as an impressive showcase for the group's products, and with it the company's glamour ratings have certainly improved.

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STOCK MARKET

CLARE STEWART

Shares jump as US jobs figures cool rate fears

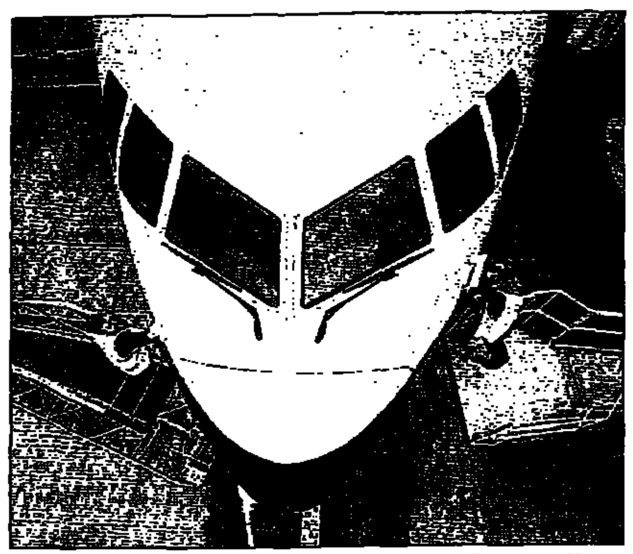
THE FT-SE 100 raced away to a fresh record of 4,024.8, as worries over the possibility of inflationary growth in the US were eased by lower than expected employment figures.

The figures reduce the immediate pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates.

While the markets had been bracing themselves for an increase in US employment figures, the number of people on UN non-farm payrolls fell by 40,000 in September, the first fall since January.

After a morning marking time ahead of the release of the US figures, the FT-SE 100 recovered sharply, moving back above 4,000 within minutes of the American figures being released.

A strong opening on Wall Street, however, gave the UK markets a firmer lead. Shares leapt ahead in mid-afternoon to set a new trading peak of 4,025.1 before closing at 4,024.8, a gain of 24.8 points. With the US figures out of the way, dealers are expecting the markets to open with a bounce on Monday.



BA's shares took off by 33p on a favourable EU ruling

British Airways was the highest flyer among FT-SE 100 shares, lifted by reports that the EU is to legalise trading of the valuable take-off and landing slots at airports.

Buying and selling of such slots is currently done on a grey market and analysts estimate that BA's Heathrow slot could be worth £5-10 billion. BA shares jumped 33p to a new high of 594p. A Commission spokesman said regulations on airport slots were still under consideration.

A profits downgrade from Kleinwort Benson, brokers, knocked **Courtaulds**, the chemicals group, lower. Year-end profit forecasts have been cut from £160 million to £140 million in response to the weaker demand for viscose, one of Courtaulds main product areas. The shares fell 17p to 470½p, a drop of 3 per cent.

Whispers of a bid boosted **HTV**, the Welsh television group. Strong demand for the shares lifted its price 32½p to 384½p. **Carlton Communications**, tipped as a potential bidder for HTV, edged ahead by 3p to 481p.

Bass, the brewer and hotel group, looked flat as selling on the futures market and a stock overhang combined to send its shares to a low of 755p during the day. The price recovered some ground to end at 773p, down 4½p. Attention on the oil sector was initially fuelled by an analyst's report on the hefty costs of decommissioning oil and gas platforms in the North Sea. Shares in **BP** slipped to a low of 670½p but recovered to close at 687½p, up 10½p. **Shell** rose 7½p to 999p. **Enterprise Oil** also recovered at 583½p, up 9p.

A sharp fall in half-year profits and a warning of more problems to come in the second half of the year knocked shares at **Forward Technology**, the electronics group. After revealing a profits plunge from £812,000 to £109,000 the shares slid 18p lower to 44p.

British Gas remains under a cloud after taking its row with the regulator to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Gas shares ended 5½p lower at 187½p.

Imperial Tobacco also lost some of its appeal after recent buying and slipped back 1p to 416p. **Hanson**, its former parent, inched up ¼p to 90½p.

A £4.06 million bid for **New Guernsey Securities** at 203p a share sent its price rocketing ahead. The price leapt from 200p to 337½p on the news. The bidders are former Hobson directors Andrew Regan and David Lyons, and their offer has received acceptances from 80 per cent of New Guernsey shareholders.

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group, continued to power ahead on hopes of landing a $2bn order from the US airforce. The shares moved up 9p to 266p.

Drug companies looked perky once again, helped as **SmithKline Beecham** jumped 19½p to 821½p. **Zeneca**, perennially tipped as a bid target, leapt 38½p to 1665p.

Bid interest also added interest to **Archer**, the insurance group, where shares rose 21p to 82½p. The Lloyds agency confirmed it has received a bid approach from US group Chartwell Re Corporation.

The Bank of Scotland continued to reap the benefit of recent results as shares added a further 9½p to 276p. The **Royal Bank of Scotland** also moved up with a gain of 8½p to 529½p.

EMI, the music group which recently demerged from **Thorn**, struck a sour note in response to a negative analyst's note. Its shares fell 37p to £12.79 while Thorn eased 3p to 352p.

By contrast **BSkyB**, the satellite broadcaster, touched a new high helped by renewed buying interest. The shares topped the 600p level to close at 606½p, a rise of 12p.

BTG, the business support group, was in demand once again, prompting a 212½p share rise to £25.12½p.

Inspirations, the holiday group, rallied after Thursday's profits warning. The shares recovered to close at 101½p, a gain of 15p on the day.

Airtech dipped 3p to 72½p on its second day's trading on AIM while **Oriental Restaurant Group**, which also floated on Thursday, was snapped up, sending the share 9p higher to 197½p.

Filtronik Comtek, the electronics group, moved up 30p to 234p while hopes for new projects and institutional buying helped **Ramco Energy**, the oil company, to jump 30p to 670p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: After a quiet morning and some profit-taking ahead of the US employment figures release the gilts market also took off in afternoon trading. Strong buying support lifted the December series of the long gilt to close at £$110\frac{26}{32}$, a rise of $\frac{29}{32}$ on the day on volume of 117,000.

In shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ended up $\frac{11}{32}$ at £$104\frac{19}{32}$ while in longs Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £$1\frac{2}{32}$ to £$102\frac{22}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average surged more than 50 points in early trading on the news that the number of jobs in the US economy shrank. By midday the average was 33.02 points ahead at 5,966.02.

Millwall, the football club, yesterday placed 17.14 million new shares at 3.0375p to raise £520,000 to fund the club's expansion. Its shares closed unchanged at 3½p. Manchester United was also unmoved at 451½p after splashing out £2.14 million for more car park land close to Old Trafford Stadium.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
British Airways	594½p	+61½p	airport slots value
Bank of Scotland	276p	+29½p	good interim figures
Imperial Tobacco	416p	+41p	newly floated shares
Inspirations	101½p	-36½p	profit warning
Virtuality	131p	-84p	increased losses
EMI	£12.79	-86½p	negative comment
ICI	856p	-26p	problems in Australia
Rolls-Royce	266p	+31p	new order hopes
Enterprise Oil	583½p	+30½p	bid speculation

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5966.02 (+33.17)
S&P Composite	699.60 (+6.82)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	21148.03 (-183.47)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11905.51 (-109.05)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	584.93 (+3.34)

Sydney:

AO	2315.5 (+0.6)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2683.28 (+6.78)

Singapore:

Straits	2148.86 (-1.90)

Brussels:

General	9902.17 (-117.38)

Paris:

CAC-40	2152.69 (+16.60)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	791.40 (+5.00)

London:

FT 30	2857.8 (+4.0)
FT 100	4024.8 (+24.8)
FTSE Mid 250	4437.9 (+6.0)
FTSE 350	2002.1 (+10.3)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1754.02 (+5.01)
FT All-Share	1975.27 (+9.52)
FT Non Financials	2074.75 (+9.39)
FT Fixed Interest	114.81 (+0.30)
FT Govt Secs	94.92 (+0.05)
Bargains	44851
SEAQ Volume	705.9m
USM (Datastrm)	203.13 (+1.59)
US$	1.5633 (-0.0026)
German Mark	2.3914 (-0.0054)
Exchange Index	87.1 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2467
£:SDR	1.0885
RPI	153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AEA Technology	332½	+	2½
Airtech	72½	-	3
Amer Opps U Ln	95		...
Brunner Mond	169½	+	3
Cruden Bay	85		...
Deltron Electrn (150)	168½		...
Elec Retail Sys	197½	+	1
Eurasia Mining	315		...
GT Chile Growth	2603½	+	34½
Grosvenor Land	15¼		...
Hartstone 8% Cum	120½		...
Imperial Tobacco	416	-	1
Interoute Tele	174½		...
Mears Group	11¼		...
Oriental Restrnts	197½	+	9
Personal Number	96½	-	7
Polydoc	67½	-	3
Shalibane	137½		...
Ultra Electronics	290½	+	4
Weeks Group	7¼		...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BICC n/p (270)	16½	-	2
Davis Fin ULS n/p	47	+	5½
FII Group n/p (105)	2	-	1½
Grampian n/p (125)	3		...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Filtronic Com	234p (+30p)
BLP Group	135p (+10p)
Staveley	199½p (+12p)
Br Airways	594½p (+33p)
Calor Gp	290p (+12p)
French Conn	265p (+10p)
Bank Scotland	276p (+9p)
Rolls-Royce	268p (+9p)
Flextech	556p (+14p)
Prudential	468p (+10p)
BAA	499p (+10½p)
Scot TV	742½p (+15p)
Wolseley	501½p (+10p)

FALLS:

Forward Tech	44p (-18p)
Lamont	230p (-10p)
Scotia	545p (-22½p)
Courtaulds	470½p (-17p)
Watts Blake	485p (-15p)
Biocomps Intl	570p (-11p)
MMT Corp	540p (-10p)
Stand Chart	690p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Meaningless millennium

MILLENARIAN anxiety is taking hold of the stock market. Round numbers have a curious effect on people. Just as the approaching calendar millennium has increased public appetite for stories about incurable diseases and alien invasions, some investors are convinced that the FT-SE 100 at 4,000 marks the end of a cycle.

It does not, of course, but it might come to pass if enough investors believe it to be true. A more rational concern is expressed by those who believe that shares are expensive. They point to falling dividend yields and higher yield ratios to suggest we are due for a correction. There is more substance here, but, in the case of London, the figures argue for a pause in upward momentum, not a decline.

Shares have risen sharply over the past year, but, at the same time, dividend growth has been robust, with the yield on the All-Share index down from 3.83 per cent to 3.76 per cent. In fact, the income return on the London market has barely moved since January and the long-gilt yield is about twice that of shares, hardly a reason to panic.

Wall Street, however, should worry. Over the past year, the yield on the S&P 500 index has slumped from 2.41 per cent to 2.13 per cent and the ratio to the long bond is now over three times. Logically, American funds should shift some money to London, but British investors would be foolish to rely on that. One concern is that the market has been boosted by a super-yield from share buy-backs and special dividends. With utility payouts coming to an end, the market may drift, but those who missed out on the recent surge in equities will feel the pressure to invest.

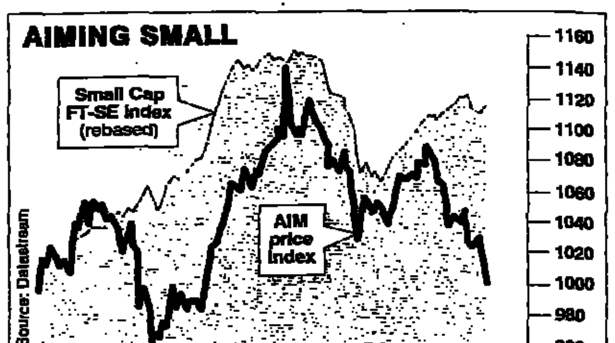
AIM

BILLED as a high-risk, high-reward exchange, the Alternative Investment Market has failed to deliver the kind of return investors would expect from holding some of the riskiest stocks.

Since the new issue bonanza in June, the junior exchange has lost over 11 per cent of its value, and is now on course to crash below the 1,000 mark set when the index started in December.

This is not a crash, in the conventional sense, but the result of the market's biggest defect: illiquidity. Most AIM shares are tightly held, giving a handful of investors disproportionate leverage over the share price. Likewise with the AIM index itself; it is heavily weighted towards stocks such as Trocadero and Pan Andean Resources. After recent setbacks, their combined value has fallen by £45.1 million in the past month, taking the market down with it.

More interesting is the evidence that, so far, investors would be better putting their money in the smaller stocks of the main market. The more rigorous requirements of a full listing would suggest they carry a lower risk than AIM stocks, but their outperformance indicates the rewards are also superior. With the AIM index in freefall and capital gains tax relief now available on just a handful of its equities, the Stock Exchange will be having a hard task persuading investors that a punt in the junior market is worth the risk.



Reed Elsevier

THERE is little doubt that Reed Elsevier and Bloomberg Business News, the financial information company that is nipping at the heels of Reuters, are smiling at each other. Bloomberg signed an agreement in April to supply its market news to Reed's Lexis-Nexis on-line service and the two companies said that they would explore ways of doing more business with each other. The question is whether this will lead to an outright merger.

The idea of bringing Reed and Bloomberg together is not far-fetched. Reed has said that it would like to spend several billion dollars expanding its American business-to-business publishing empire. The company is weak in the area of real-time financial information, a product with a growing market among brokers, bankers and traders who are prepared to pay high prices in order to receive such information. Their custom has made a fortune for Reuters.

Before Reed gets serious about making a takeover pitch, it needs to consider whether Bloomberg would thrive without Michael Bloomberg, its founder and controlling shareholder and the driving force in the business. A cult of personality has developed around Mr Bloomberg, and employees seem to thrive on his energy. Reed lacks the same evangelical culture. Another risk is the reaction of shareholders to an attempt by Reed to take on Reuters at its own game. Bloomberg has made a dent in the side of Reuters, but that achievement took the ambitious American company more than a decade.

Kepit

SOME of the documents slipping onto the doormats of the 70,000 private investors in Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust are opaque even by the standards of an arcane sector. Touche Remnant has now accepted almost inevitable defeat, and investors are left with the choices placed before them by the independent board of directors in response to TR's offer.

They have another three weeks to make up their minds between the three options on offer. These are to take their cash out — and TR plans to provide an entry into its own fund for those who do — or to continue through Son of Kepit, a unit trust still skewed towards European privatisation, a sector that Kleinwort is convinced will come right in the end. The third option is to switch into a safe-as-houses M&G unit trust of mixed European stocks. Recent events at Morgan Grenfell suggest that many investors will take the cash route; some may throw their luck in with TR, but most will probably steer clear of investment trusts from now on.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	963-962	Mar	1055-1054
Mar	992-990	May	1070-1067
May	1005-1003	Jul	1090-1070
Jul	1019-1015	Sep	1092-1080
Sep	1033-1031		
Dec	1045-1041		Volume: 3596

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1518-1513	Jul	1378-1368
Jan	1445-1440	Sep	1378-1365
Mar	1402-1399	Nov	1388-1370
May	1384-1382		Volume: 3834

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		*Aug*	*322.0-21.5*
Spot: 331.0		Oct	315.0-14.1
Dec	325.5-25.0	Dec	318.0-17.1
Mar	321.5-21.0	Mar	320.5-19.1
May	320.7-19.7		Volume: 365

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	104.22	115.89	96.76
(+/-)	+0.14	+1.95	+1.81
Eng/Wales:	104.20	116.35	96.69
(+/-)	+0.12	+2.19	+0.71
(%)	+5.0	-1.0	+13.0
Scotland:	107.46	113.36	96.97
(+/-)	+3.34	+0.73	+0.71
(%)	n/c	-6.0	-4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	23.85	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	23.75	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Dec)	23.20	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	24.80	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	24.25	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	211 (n/c)	214 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	249 (+2)	251 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	115 (+1)	117 (+1)
Naphtha	219 (+1)	224 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	245.75-46.00	Jan	217.75 SLR
Nov	235.50-35.75	Feb	208.00 SLR
Dec	226.75-27.00		Vol: 22999

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	23.80 BID	Feb	21.85 BID
Dec	23.27-23.29	Mar	21.25 BID
Jan	22.62 BID		Vol: 27808

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	102.20	Nov	100.50
Jan	104.10	Jan	102.00
Mar	105.50	Mar	103.35
May	107.20	May	105.00
Jul	109.00	Sep	95.50
Volume: 506		Volume: 58	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	35.0
Mar		73.0
Apr	72.0	72.5
		Volume: 25

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 85.25-85.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 96	1147	1135	1144
Nov 96	1219	1210	1215
Dec 96	1220	1210	1212
Jan 97	1245	1240	1238
Vol: 340 lots		Open Interest: 4020	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1921.0-1922.0	1915.0-1916.0	1396975
Lead ($/tonne)	761.00-761.50	764.50-765.50	170475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	997.50-998.00	1021.0-1021.5	402675
Tin ($/tonne)	5975.0-5980.0	6040.0-6041.0	31590
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1322.5-1323.0	1355.5-1356.0	1362625
Nickel ($/tonne)	7025.0-7030.0	7130.0-7135.0	54870

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	420	26	34	40	0½	11½	16½
(*445)	460	1½	11	20½	16	33½	38
ASDA	100	7	10	12	0½	2½	3½
(*106½)	110	1	4½	6½	4½	7	8
Boots	600	29½	40	53	0½	11½	17
(*626½)	650	1½	13½	27	24	36½	42
Br Airways	550	42½	51½	65½	0½	10	15
(*590½)	600	9	22	36	14½	29½	36
BP	650	38	49½	61	0½	9½	17
(*686½)	700	4	21½	33	16½	31	39
Br Steel	180	10	14	18	1	6	8½
(*189½)	200	0	4½	9	11	17½	19½
C & W	420	19½	31½	43	2	11½	17½
(*437½)	460	1	11½	23½	23	32½	38½
CU	600	12½	33½	43½	5	17½	35
(*606½)	650	0	12	21½	43½	48	66
ICI	850	14½	41	54	10½	28	44
(*853)	900	1	18½	30½	47½	56½	73
Land Sec	700	12	27½	39½	3½	17½	22
(*708½)	750	0	9	17	41½	50½	52½
M & S	500	12	25	35½	3½	13½	18
(*508)	550	0	6	14	42	46	48½
Nat West	700	11½	38½	47	9½	25	43
(*703)	750	0	16½	25½	47	55	74
Safeway plc	330	18	26½	34	0½	8½	13½
(*346½)	360	1½	11	19½	14½	24	29
Sainsbury	360	7	16½	24½	4	13	17
(*362)	390	0	5½	11½	28	33	35½
Shell	950	51½	72	86	0	7½	18½
(*999½)	1000	11	38	52	10	23½	38
Smkl Bch	785	37½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*819)	834	7	—	—	20	—	—
Storehse	300	11½	—	—	1	—	—
(*309½)	330	0½	—	—	20½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1600	66	123	149½	6	42	61½
(*1655)	1700	15	70	95½	51	88	108½
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	24½	31½	39½	10	16	28
(*429)	460	8	14	22	34½	38	52½
Vodafone	220	14½	17	24	4½	8	11
(*228½)	240	4½	8	14½	14½	19	21½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	25½	34	41½	5½	17½	20½
(*477½)	500	6	14	22½	26	39½	42½
Ladbroke	200	10½	16½	20	4	7	11
(*206)	220	2	7	11	15½	18	22½
Utd Bisc	200	10	16½	19	4½	7½	12½
(*203½)	220	3	7½	10	17½	19½	24½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	40	46	55½	0	5	8½
(*494)	500	6½	20	30½	7½	18½	24
Thames W.	550	18	29½	43	1	17	25½
(*564½)	600	0½	9	20½	35½	47½	53½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	260	14½	21½	24½	3	6	11
(*270)	280	4½	10½	14	12½	15½	21
Br Aero	1100	50½	77½	94½	18	32	44½
(*1127)	1150	23½	50	67	41½	55½	67
Br Telcm	360	11½	18	23½	7½	16½	20
(*361½)	390	2	6½	12	29	36½	39
Cadbury	500	20	35½	40½	9½	17	27
(*507)	550	3½	13½	18½	43½	47	57
Guinness	420	34	43½	49½	2	6	12½
(*454)	460	8½	19½	26	17½	23	31½
GEC	390	11½	20½	28	9½	17	20
(*390½)	420	2	9	15	30	35½	37
Hanson	119	14½	16½	—	0½	3	—
(*132)	136	4	6½	—	6½	10	—
LASMO	220	9	15½	20	7	8½	11½
(*221½)	240	2	7	11	20	21	23
LucasVarity	240	15½	23	28	6½	9½	13½
(*249)	260	6	13	18½	16	20	23½
Pilkingtn	180	10½	15½	20	3½	7	9
(*186½)	200	2	7	11	16	18½	20½
Prudential	460	20½	34	40	8½	16	26
(*467½)	500	4½	16	21½	34	39	48½
Redland	420	41	48	55	3½	8½	14½
(*458½)	460	11	24	30½	17½	24½	32½
R-Royce	240	27½	32½	38	1½	5	9
(*266)	260	12½	19½	25½	7	12	16½
Tesco	300	19	28	33	3	8	14
(*313)	330	4½	12	18	18½	23	29½
Williams	360	12½	—	—	2	—	—
(*363½)	390	2	—	—	27	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4022)

	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100	4150
Calls						
Oct	142½	94	52	22	5½	1
Nov	164	122½	85	54	30½	15
Dec	194	153	117½	85	59½	39½
Jan	208	170	138	106	82	58½
Jun	282	—	218½	—	160½	—
Puts						
Oct	3	7	16	37	78	128
Nov	15½	24	37½	58	88	129½
Dec	32	43	59	78	104½	138½
Jan	46	58½	76	95½	122	152
Jun	110	—	145	—	194½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Abby Nat	600	31½	46	53	15	32½	36½
(*609½)	650	10½	23	31	45	61½	65½
Amstrad	140	13½	—	—	7½	—	—
(*143½)	160	5½	—	—	19½	—	—
Barclays	950	48	70	90	21	44	50½
(*965½)	1000	24	44½	56	48	71	77
Natl Pwr	400	14	27	—	14½	21½	—
(*400½)	450	1½	9½	—	52½	55½	—
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	1000	29½	63	80	6	25½	45½
(*1022½)	1050	4½	37	54	31½	50	70
HSBC	1200	47	90	110	4	29	53½
(*1242½)	1250	17	61½	81½	21½	50½	76½
Reuter	750	23	52½	68	4	22	37½
(*767½)	800	2½	28	43	33½	49	63½
Royal & Sun	394	23	31½	38	1½	10½	21
(*417)	431	1½	13	19	22	30½	41½
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	390	23½	31	37½	9	12½	20
(*400½)	420	8½	16½	22½	24½	28½	35½
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	600	49½	70	79	0½	11	19½
(*648)	650	9½	38½	48	11½	29	40
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1350	31	49	72	4½	21	33½
(*1375)	1400	5½	22½	46	29½	46½	57½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	180	9	12	15	5½	8	13½
(*187½)	200	1½	4½	7	20½	21½	26½
Dixons	500	50½	61½	72	6½	13	18
(*538½)	550	19	32½	43	25½	33½	39
EMI Group	1250	68½	92	117½	23½	41½	51½
(*1277½)	1300	41	65	90	46½	65	74
Tarmac	90	9	12	12½	3	3	6
(*95)	100	4	7	7½	8	8	11
Hillsdwn	160	20	22½	24	1½	3	6½
(*178½)	180	6	10	12	9	11	16½
Lonrho	160	15½	18½	21	2	5	6½
(*171)	180	5	8½	11½	11	15	16½
Sears	90	5½	—	—	3	—	—
(*92½)	100	1½	—	—	9½	—	—
Thorn EMI	1600	74½	—	—	26½	—	—
(*1629)	1700	26	—	—	81½	—	—
Tomkins	260	25	30	35	4	8	10
(*278½)	280	12	18	24	11½	15½	18½
Lloyds TSB	390	17	26	31½	12	23½	27
(*391)	420	6	13½	19½	31	42	45
Scot Pwr	294	28	33½	—	2½	7	—
(*316)	323	9	16½	—	13	19½	—

October 4, 1996 Tot: 48035 Call: 27650 Put: 2,285 FTSE Call: 17422 Put: 7388
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 59927	Dec 96	4030.0	4071.0	4015.0	4062.0	18220
	Mar 97				4074.0	0
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 3571	Dec 96				4462.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 430494	Dec 96	94.04	94.07	94.03	94.06	14721
	Mar 97	93.91	93.96	93.89	93.94	19050
	Jun 97	93.71	93.77	93.68	93.76	19710
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.32	99.36	99.32	99.35	1690
	Jun 97	99.18	99.21	99.18	99.21	1015
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1049651	Dec 96	96.86	96.87	96.85	96.86	33076
	Mar 97	96.83	96.84	96.80	96.84	36385
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 163020	Dec 96	109-29	110-30	109-27	110-26	120419
	Mar 97				109-31	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	122.82	123.26	122.79	123.22	5596
	Mar 97	121.91	122.28	121.88	122.24	1022
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 248974	Dec 96	99.19	99.76	99.08	99.70	211843
	Mar 97	98.19	98.63	98.10	98.68	1192
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 22672	Dec 96	95.87	95.88	95.85	95.88	699
	Mar 97	95.85	95.90	95.85	95.90	748
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 82517	Dec 96	98.44	98.45	98.39	98.44	4787
	Mar 97	98.38	98.42	98.35	98.42	4697
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 76816	Dec 96	123.00	123.70	122.64	123.10	79279
	Mar 97	122.20	122.50	122.20	122.33	44

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low [illegible] Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6¼.

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	[illegible]	5¾	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.26	n/a	5.43	5.50	5.61
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £2,513m allotted: £400m; Bids: £98.62% received: 36%; Last week: £98.61% received: 15%; Avge rate: £5.4919% last wk £5.5516%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.20-380.50 Close: $380.20-380.70 High: $380.60-381.10
Low: $379.00-379.50 AM: $380.20 PM: $380.70

Krugerrand: $379.25-382.25 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $384.25 (£245.45) Silver: $4.90 (£3.135) Palladium: $120.75 (£77.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6810-2.6910	2.6810-2.6833	[illegible]pr	2¼-2pr
Brussels	49.222-49.410	49.222-49.313	14-9pr	38-32pr
Copenhagen	9.1629-9.2010	9.1629-9.1713	2-1½pr	5½-4½pr
Dublin	0.9770-0.9799	0.9772-0.9784	5-1pr	11-5pr
Frankfurt	2.3897-2.3985	2.3897-2.3918	[illegible]pr	1½-1¼pr
Lisbon	241.91-242.88	241.95-242.25	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	201.15-201.94	201.15-201.32	15-25ds	45-62ds
Milan	2375.6-2384.0	2377.0-2380.7	40-55ds	1.15-1.36ds
Montreal	2.1173-2.1312	2.1173-2.1193	0.40-0.34pr	0.80-0.72pr
New York	1.5626-1.5660	1.5626-1.5635	0.075-0.055pr	0.14-0.11pr
Oslo	10.166-10.206	10.166-10.175	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	8.0915-8.1200	8.0915-8.0974	1½-1¼pr	5-4½pr
Stockholm	10.339-10.369	10.339-10.359	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	174.26-174.78	174.26-174.49	[illegible]pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.810-16.868	16.810-16.826	[illegible]pr	1¼-1pr
Zurich	1.9618-1.9701	1.9618-1.9638	[illegible]pr	2¼-2pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2667-1.2675
Austria	10.75-10.76
Belgium (Com)	31.74-31.76
Canada	1.3563-1.3568
Denmark	5.8620-5.8640
France	5.1752-5.1762
Germany	1.5288-1.5293
Hong Kong	7.7318-7.7323
Ireland	1.5995-1.6015
Italy	1519.70-1521.20
Japan	111.60-111.65
Malaysia	2.4998-2.5008
Netherlands	1.7153-1.7159
Norway	6.5044-6.5082
Portugal	154.76-154.86
Singapore	1.4105-1.4115
Spain	128.53-128.57
Sweden	6.6110-6.6185
Switzerland	1.2546-1.2556

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5649-1.5675
Australia dollar	1.9820-1.9845
Bahrain dinar	0.5840-0.5960
Brazil real*	1.5617-1.5659
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland markka	7.0950-7.2110
Greece drachma	374.0-381.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.0987-12.1072
India rupee	55.31-56.27
Indonesia rupiah	3604.0-3672.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4645-0.4745
Malaysia ringgit	3.9117-3.9158
New Zealand dollar	2.2345-2.2377
Pakistan rupee	57.30 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6375-5.7615
Singapore dollar	2.2072-2.2097
S Africa rand (com)	7.0330-7.1350
U A E dirham	5.6850-5.8090

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	843	Lloyds TSB	7,100
ASDA Gp	8,500	LucasVarity	4,000
Abbey Ntl	3,300	Marks Spr	1,500
Allied Dom	1,100	NatWst Bk	3,800
Argos	499	Nat Grid	3,600
AB Foods	2,300	Nat Power	1,400
BAA	3,100	Next	1,600
BAT Inds	12,900	Orange	1,400
BOC	435	P & O	2,500
BP	3,400	Pearson	1,500
BSkyB	4,200	Pilkington	1,800
BTR	5,800	PowerGen	632
BT	5,200	Prudential	2,600
Bk of Scot	14,600	RMC	323
Barclays	1,500	RTZ	914
Bass	13,000	Railtrack	2,100
Blue Circle	628	Rank Org	2,100
Boots	1,300	Reckitt Col	1,500
BAe	1,600	Redland	779
BA	12,700	Reed Intl	743
Brit Gas	18,000	Rentokil	1,100
Brit Steel	7,200	Reuters	3,700
Burmah Cstl	371	Rolls Royce	10,300
Burton	4,600	Royl & Sun	11,200
Cable Wire	5,800	Royal Bk Sct	3,200
Cadbury	2,200	Safeway	2,100
Carlton Cms	1,500	Sainsbury	5,500
Cm Union	1,300	Schroders	147
Courtaulds	6,900	Scot & New	1,500
Dixons	2,200	Scot Power	2,500
EMI	2,900	Svrn Trent	359
Enterpr Oil	802	Shell Trans	2,400
GKN	631	Siebe	692
GRE	3,400	SmKl Bch	1,900
GUS	2,300	Smith Nph	2,000
Gen Acc	1,200	Smiths Inds	401
Gen Elec	16,100	Std Chartd	3,600
Glaxo Well	11,400	TI Gp	846
Granada	1,500	Tate & Lyle	552
Grand Met	2,900	Tesco	4,200
Guinness	3,600	Thames W	471
HSBC	1,500	Tomkins	1,200
Hanson	6,400	Unilever	957
ICI	1,800	Utd Utilities	236
Imp Tob	10,500	Utd News	1,200
Kingfisher	1,700	Vodafone	8,900
LASMO	1,600	Whitbread	392
Ladbroke	3,800	Wlms Hld	1,900
Land Secs	859	Wolseley	1,000
Legal & Gn	678	Zeneca	901

WALL STREET

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
AMP Inc	39¼	38¾
AMR Corp	79¼	79¾
ASA	38¾	39
AT & T	39	39
Abbott Labs	50¼	49¾
Advanced Micro	14¼	14¼
Aetna Life	70	69
Ahmanson (HF)	30¼	29½
Air Prod & Chem	59	58½
AirTouch Comm	27¼	28¾
Alberto-Culver B	43¼	43¼
Albertson's	42¼	42¼
Alcan Alumnm	30¾	31
Alco Standard	48¼	48¾
Allied Signal	67	66¾
Alum Co of Am	59¼	60½
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5¾
Amerada Hess	54¼	54
Amer Brands	43½	42¼
Amer El Power	41¾	41
Amer Express	47¼	46¾
Amer Genl Corp	38¼	38
Amer Home Pr	64½	63¼
Amer Intl	104¼	102
Amer Stores	41¾	40¾
Amer Standard	39¼	39¼
Ameritech	55	53½
Amoco	72	70½
Anheuser-Busch	38¼	37½
Apple Computer	22½	22¼
Archer Daniels	19¾	19¾
Armco	4¼	4¼
Armstrng Wrld	63½	64
Asarco	26¼	26¼
Atl Richfield	128¼	127¼
Auto Data Pro	44¼	43¾
Avery Dennison	58¼	57
Avon Products	49¼	49¾
Baker Hughes	32¼	32
Baltim Gas & El	26½	26
Banc One	41¾	40¼
BankAmerica	85¼	84¼
Bank of NY	29¼	29
Bankers Tr NY	81¼	79¼
Barnett Banks	35¾	34½
Bausch & Lomb	37¼	36¼
Baxter Intl	45¼	45¼
Bectn Dicknsn	45	44½
Bell Atlantic	62¼	61¾
Bell Industries	15¾	15¼
BellSouth	39¼	38¾
Black & Decker	41½	41
Block (H&R)	29¼	28¼
Boeing	97½	96½
Boise Cascade	33¼	33
Bristol Myrs Sq	99	97½
Browning Ferris	26¾	25¼
Brunswick	24¾	24½
Burlington Nthn	85¼	85
CMS Energy Corp	30¼	30½
CNA Financial	98¼	97¼
CPC Intl	76	75¼
CSX	50½	51½
Campbell Soup	78¼	78½
Can Pacific	23	23
Carolina Pwr	34¼	34½
Caterpillar	72¼	73¼
Central & SW	26½	26
Champion Intl	44¼	44¼
Chase Manhat	82	80¼
Chevron Corp	64¼	64
Chrysler	30¼	29¾
Chubb Corp	48¾	48½
Cigna Corp	125¼	123¼
Citicorp	92¼	92¼
Clorox	97¼	96¾
Coastal Corp	42¼	42¼
Coca Cola	49¾	49
Coca Cola Ent	43¼	43½
Colgate-Palmolive	89½	86
Columbia Gas	58¼	57¾
ColumbiaHCA	55¼	55½
Compaq Comp	66¼	65½
Comp Ass Intl	60½	59¼
Conagra	49	48¼
Conrail	72¼	73
Cons Edison	28¼	27½
Cons Nat Gas	55	54¾
Cooper Inds	44	43¼
Corestates	45¼	44¼
Corning Inc	38¼	38¼
Crown Cork	46½	46
Dana Corp	29¼	30¼
Dayton Hudson	31¾	31¼
Deere	41¼	42¼
Delta Air Lines	70¼	71¼
Deluxe Corp	38¼	37¼
Digital Equip	34¼	33¼
Dillard Dept St	32¼	32¼
Disney (Walt)	64¼	63¼
Dominion Res	38¼	37¼
Donelley (RR)	33¼	32¾
Dover Corp	48¼	48¼
Dow Chemical	80¼	81
Dow Jones	37¼	37½
Dresser	30¼	30¼
Duke Power	47½	46¾
Dun & Bradstreet	60½	59¼
Du Pont	92½	90¼
Eastman Chem	56¼	56¼

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Eastman Kodak	78¾	78¼
Eaton Corp	60¼	60¼
Edison Intl	18¾	18¾
Emerson Elec	91¼	91¼
Engelhard Corp	19¼	20¼
Enron Corp	40¼	40¼
Entergy	27¼	27
Ethyl Corp	9¼	9¼
Exxon	87	86¾
FMC Corp	68¼	69¼
FPL Group	44¾	43¼
Federal Express	83	82¾
Fed Nat Mtge	36¼	36¼
Frst Bk Sys	66¼	65¼
First Union Rlty	6¼	6¼
Fleet Finl Grp	46¼	45¼
Fluor Corp	61¾	61¼
Ford Motor	31½	31¾
GTE Corp	41	39¼
Gannett	70¼	70
Gap Inc Del	29¾	28¼
Gencorp	14¾	14¼
Gen Dynamics	71¾	71¼
Gen Electric	93¼	91¼
Gen Mills	59¼	59½
Gen Motors	49¼	49½
Gen Reinsurance	147¼	146
Gen Signal	43¼	42¼
Genuine Parts	44¼	43¼
Georgia Pac	80¼	80¾
Gillette	72¼	71¼
Glaxo Welc ADR	31¼	32
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	45¼
Goodyear Tire	46	45¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29¼	28¼
Great Wstn Fin	28¼	27¼
Halliburton	53¼	52¼
Harcourt General	55¼	55¼
Heinz (HJ)	35¼	34¼
Hercules	54¼	55
Hershey Foods	49¼	49¼
Hewlett Packard	43½	45¼
Hilton Hotels	28¼	28¼
Home Depot	59	58¼
Homestake Mng	14¼	14¼
Honeywell	65¼	64¼
Household Intl	86	83¼
Houston Inds	22¼	22¼
Humana	20¼	20
ITT Corp	43¼	42¼
Illinois Tool	73	73¼
Illinova	27¼	26
INCO	30¼	30¼
Ingersoll Rand	45¼	47
Inland Steel	17¼	17¼
Intel Corp	100¼	97¼
IBM	127	125
Intl Flav & Fr	43¼	43
Intl Paper	42¼	42¼
James River Va	28¼	28¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	52	51
Kellogg	67¼	67¼
Kerr-McGee	62¼	62¼
Kimberly-Clark	86¼	86¼
Kmart	10¼	10¼
Knight-Ridder	36¼	36¼
Lilly (Eli)	67¼	66
Limited Inc	19¼	19¼
Lincoln Nat	46¼	45¼
Litton	47¼	48¼
Liz Claiborne	37¼	37¼
Lockheed Martin	92¼	91¼
Louisiana Pac	22¼	22¼
MCI Comm	25¼	25¼
Marriott Int	57	56¼
Marsh & McLnn	[illegible]	[illegible]
Masco Corp	29¾	29¼
May Dept St	48¼	48¼
Maytag Corp	19¼	19¼
McDonalds	46¼	46½
McDonnell D	53¼	53¼
McGraw Hill	44	43¼
Mead Corp	58¼	58
Medtronic	64	64¼
Mellon Bk	63¼	60¼
Melville Corp	43¼	43¼
Merck Inc	71¾	71¼
Merrill Lynch	69¼	68¼
Microsoft	135¼	134
Minnesota Mine	71¼	70¼
Mobil Corp	117¼	115¼
Monsanto	41¼	39¼
Morgan (JP)	88¼	86¼
Motorola Inc	49¼	49¼
Natl Semi	19	19¼
Natl Service Ind	36½	35¼
Navistar Intl	8¼	8¼
NY Times A	34¼	34¼
Newmont Mng	47¼	47¼
Niag Mohawk	7¼	7¼
Nike B	125¼	124
NL Industries	10¼	10¼
Noram Energy	14¼	14¼
Nordstrom	37	37¼
Norfolk Sthrn	91¼	91¼
Nthn State Pwr	46¼	46½
Norwest Corp	43¼	42¼
Nynex Corp	45¼	45¼
Occidental Pet	24¼	23½
Ohio Edison	19¼	19¼

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Oracle	44¼	44¼
Oryx Energy Co	18¾	18
Overseas Ship	16½	16
Owens Corning	37¼	36¼
PHH Corp	30¼	30¼
PPG Industries	55¾	55
PNC Bank	34¼	33¾
PP&L Res	22¼	22¼
Paccar Inc	50¼	50¼
Pacificorp	21¼	20¾
Pac Enterprises	30¼	30¼
Pac Gas & Elect	22¼	22¼
Pac Telesis	34¼	34¼
Pall Corp	27¼	27¼
Parker Hannifin	38¼	42
Peco Energy	24¼	24¾
Penney (JC)	53¾	53¾
Pennzoil	55¼	54¾
Pepsico	29¼	29¼
Pfizer	80¼	79¾
Pharm & Upjhn	42¼	41¾
Phelps Dodge	65¼	65¾
Philip Morris	91¼	91
Phillips Pet	42¼	42¼
Pitney Bowes	54¾	53¾
Polaroid	45¾	44¼
PriceCostco	20¼	20¼
Procter & Gmbl	99¼	98¼
Providian	44¼	43¾
Pub Serv E & G	26¼	26¼
Quaker Oats	36¼	36¼
Ralston Purina	69¼	69¼
Raychem Corp	75¼	74¼
Raytheon	49¼	53
Reebok Intl	35¾	35
Reynolds Metals	51¼	53
Rockwell Intl	56¼	56
Rohm & Haas	67¼	66¼
Royal Dutch	160¼	158¼
Rubbermaid	24¾	24¼
SBC Comms	49¼	49¼
Safeco Corp	36¼	35¼
St Paul's Cos	56¼	55¼
Salomon Inc	47¾	46¼
Sara Lee Corp	35¼	35¼
Schering Plough	63¼	62
Schlumberger	88¼	87¼
Seagram	36¼	36¾
Sears Roebuck	47¼	46¼
Shell Trans	95¼	94
Sherwin Wllms	47¼	47¾
Skyline Corp	27¼	27¼
Snap-On-Tools	32¼	32¼
Southern Co	22¼	22¼
Sprint Corp	39¼	38¼
Stanley Works	26¼	26¼
Sun Company	23¼	23¼
Sun Microsys	63¾	61¼
Suntrust	42¾	41¾
Supervalu	28¼	29¼
Sysco Corp	34¼	34¼
TRW Inc	95¼	94¼
TCC Inds	1¼	1¼
Tandem Comp	11¾	11¾
Tandy Corp	40¼	40
Temple Inland	53¼	53¾
Tenneco	50¼	50¼
Texaco	95¼	94
Texas Inst	52¼	53
Texas Utilities	40¼	40¼
Textron	87¼	86¼
Time Warner	39¼	38¼
Times-Mirror A	45¼	44¼
Timken	39¼	39¼
Torchmark	46¼	45¼
Toys R Us	31	30¼
Transamerica	72¼	71¼
Travelers	52¼	51
Tribune	78¼	78
Tyco Int	44¼	44¼
UST Inc	29¼	29¼
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Unilever NV	159¼	157¼
Union Camp	49¼	49¼
Union Carbide	45¼	46
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VF Corp	61¼	61
WMX Tech	33¼	33¼
Wal-Mart Stores	26¼	26¼
Warner-Lambert	66¼	66¼
Wells Fargo	267¼	261
Westinghouse El	18¼	18¼
Weyerhaeuser	46¼	46¼
Whirlpool	49¼	49¼
Whitman	23¼	23¼
Winn Dixie	34¼	34¼
Woolworth	21¼	21¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	61	60
Xerox	56	54¼
Yellow Corp	12¼	12¼

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Can they really be such a bargain?

Policyholders must wait for NU to spring into action

Norwich Union policyholders may have to wait up to seven months to discover exactly how many free shares will be allocated when the society floats on the stock market.

The three million qualifying policyholders will be sent more information about NU's proposed demutualisation in the spring, after which they will be asked to vote on the flotation plans at an extraordinary general meeting on a date yet to be arranged.

Soon afterwards they will be told more about the size of their windfall payout, although the price of the shares they will acquire will depend on market conditions at the time.

Though the average payout is expected to be around £500, investors who have been with the mutual for many years can expect more generous returns than those who, for example, took out a policy with NU ten days ago. "There are two methods of reimbursing policyholders for their loss of membership rights," NU said. "There is a set allocation for all qualifying members, plus an extra allocation for people who have been with the society for a long time. There is no maximum payout."

An estimated 100,000-plus people have called the NU helpline since it opened on Wednesday morning. Many of these are long-standing NU customers who are concerned that "carpetbaggers", who joined the society days before it announced flotation plans, may be more handsomely rewarded than themselves.

NU acted swiftly to freeze membership, and any policies taken out after midnight on October 1 will not qualify for shares. Around 15,000 people whose pensions, endowments, term assurance or other savings plans mature before the EGM, or who die before then, will be paid an average 3 per cent cash bonus, which will be added to their policy's value. This would add an extra £400 to a policy worth £12,000.

Richard Harvey, group finance director, said NU decided to distribute free shares, rather than cash to avoid falling foul of Inland Revenue regulations.

"We considered paying cash, but decided on shares because the Revenue might regard cash as a part payout during the life of the policy, and this carries penalties."

Qualifying members are those who have one or more of the following policies in force on October 2 and at the time of the EGM: life insurance, including non-profit; individual pension; annuity and company pension schemes. However, there will be no payouts for people who buy second-hand endowment policies.

About two million of NU's customers will not qualify as members. These include motor, household and other general insurance policyholders; health or medical insurance policyholders; PHI and income protection or unit trusts and personal equity plans.

NU will not give guarantees to policyholders on plan charges once it becomes a quoted company. This is in stark contrast to the management of Clerical Medical, which pledged not to increase charges for five years by more than the retail price index.

Mr Harvey said: "We do not feel the need to make such statements. There is no expectation at NU that policies with variable charges will see the charges rise."

The mutual is being restructured and the life fund, which currently owns NU and its subsidiaries, will be separated off from the general insurance business.

Allan Bridgewater, NU's chief executive, says this means the life fund will no longer be subject to the vagaries of the insurance market. In compensation for losing any profits from general insurance in the future, an unspecified amount of money is being paid back into the life fund.

But should investors accept the compensation payments and vote for the flotation, or would they be better off voting for NU to remain a mutual?

Now that the NU has declared its intention to float, it would be very vulnerable if it was forced to remain a mutual, and would most likely become a takeover target. Even if it does float, there are plenty of players in the market, including pensions giants like the Prudential, which could afford to buy it.

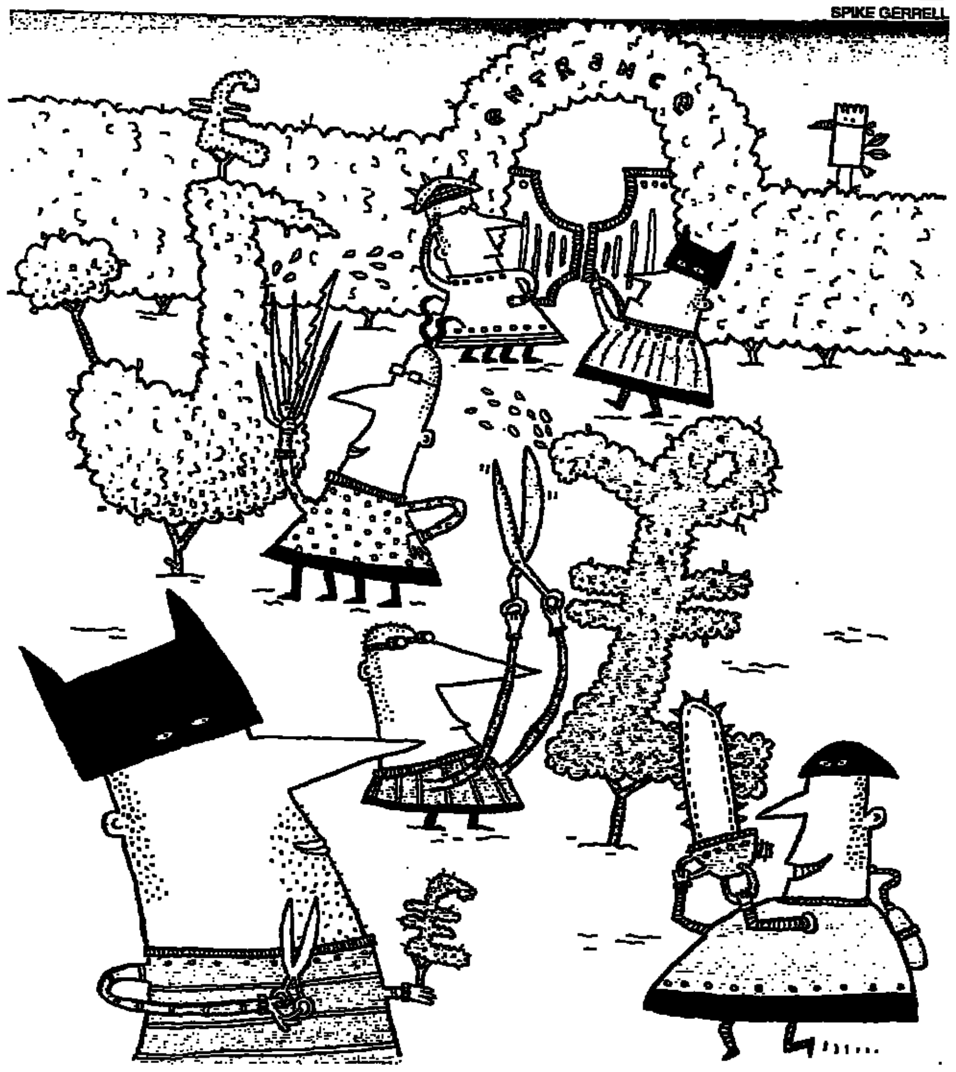
Historically, it has been difficult for policyholders to block such proposals. One actuary believes that current policyholders will not be greatly affected by demutualisation but believes that the NU will, in future, be trying to meet the demands of shareholders and may offer products which are less competitive.

He said: "NU rates and charges have been competitive in the past. Recent surveys have shown mutuals often offer better terms than publicly owned companies."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Hedging your bets is a risky business

The long and short of it is that the days of easy money are over, says Adam Jones



Larger hedge funds find it harder to cut and run, but the current climate may be tempting

They were the City equivalent of Stealth bombers: canny fund managers with an eye for the fault lines in world financial markets, slipping multimillion-pound bets into place before anyone knew what was happening.

With George Soros as their squadron leader, the leading hedge fund gurus were capable of making a £1 billion profit for their investors on an exceptional day. Their pay packets continue to reflect this. Last week Spencer Nicholas Roditti, a British adviser to Soros, was reported to earn £50 million a year.

But the days of easy money are over. The biggest hedge funds control so much money that the markets can see them coming; more B52 than Stealth bomber. The private investor is unlikely to weep. The large sums required to play — often hundreds of thousands of pounds, even millions — make the likes of Soros's Quantum Fund an improbable choice. The huge volatility is another deterrent.

But the principle on which hedge funds are based can give food for thought in the current financial climate. For the uninitiated, hedge funds are a huge pool of institutional and private capital. They differ from unit and investment trusts in a fundamental way. These more conventional investment vehicles are typically limited to a certain market — smaller companies, emerging markets. More importantly, they work on the assumption that the value of the shares they buy will rise. In City parlance, they are "long-only".

But betting on a rise is only one way of taking a risk. Big profits can also be made predicting a fall. The practice of agreeing to sell an investment — shares, bonds, currencies — at a fixed price in the future is called "selling short" (you don't actually own the thing when you agree to sell it). The idea is that the market price will drop beneath the agreed sale price, creating profit.

In hedge funds, the risk in "going long" on stocks can be balanced by selling short. What's more, hedge fund managers can also have freedom to move the money wherever the action is. They can also borrow to create gearing.

Hedge fund strategies vary a lot. They are not all like Soros's Quantum fund, betting on macroeconomic trends and events. Because of the variety of risks involved, they are not authorised by the Securities and Investments Board. They are classed as offshore investments and are forbidden to advertise. Only authorised investment advisers — stockbrokers, independent financial advisers, etc — can recommend them.

Managers based in the UK that operate in this field include Odey Asset Management, Momentum and Global Asset Management (GAM). GAM manages £5.8 billion; its largest fund is GAM Diversity, at £450 million. In the past year, it would have turned £100 into £116, according to Micropal, the performance analysts. The minimum entry sum is $15,000 (£9,600). There are ways of incorporating hedge fund techniques into your portfolio without going offshore, through UK-authorised unit trusts designed to take advantage of falling markets.

Offered by John Govett and Mercury, the unit price of these "bear market" trusts rises when the index falls because they sell short, buying futures instead of shares. They are often a short-term option for an investor with a large portfolio who feels the market will drop. They jump in, hoping to earn at least some money when the rest of their investments are falling, then dash back out when more optimistic.

Since the funds are designed to capitalise on short bursts of pessimism, past performance figures are somewhat misleading. Over the past year, both the Mercury and John Govett UK bear funds would have lost about £7 for every £100, because of the continuing bull run, according to Micropal.

It is not easy, therefore, to judge how well they perform in their natural habitat — a slump. But with the London market at record levels, more investors might be prepared to take the risk and hedge.

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

Market mania will not last

THE FT-SE 100 index broke the psychologically important 4,000 level on Wednesday this week on the back of record highs on Wall Street (Richard Thomson and Caroline Merrell write).

The US market was encouraged by leaked remarks from Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who indicated that he had no intention of increasing interest rates because there was no danger of inflation really taking off in the American economy.

The UK market is continuing to prosper in conditions of low interest rates and low inflation, but some analysts fear that there could be a fall in the price of shares in the UK market, while some believe that there will be a period of flatness. The movement of the market in the US will be crucial for the UK.

Last week the Dow Jones industrial average pushed above 5,900, a rise of 150.9 per cent in the last six years without a 10 per cent fall. The previous record was held by the bull market that ended in 1987 after a rise of 150.6 per cent.

Most analysts expect the Dow to climb even higher. "It's plain sailing through the election in November," says David Schulman, Salomon Brothers' chief equity strategist. He is predicting 6,200 on the Dow in the foreseeable future, even though he believes shares are already somewhat overpriced.

But that is the fundamental worry nagging at the market. On most normal measures, US stocks are too high and should be close to a setback. Yet the kind of significant correction that would bring the market back to a safe level never seems to happen.

Michael Metz, an equity strategist at Oppenheimer, calls the current market level "financial mania", yet not even he is willing to predict when it will stop rising.

Records are to be broken

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Share prices made headlines for the right reasons this week. The FT-SE 100 index reached a new record. In doing so, it surged through the "psychological" 4,000 mark, if only to retreat limply within 48 hours. Predictably, these events sparked in-depth analysis and the traditional ritual warnings. Shares might be overvalued and retribution, in the form of a mini-crash, or "correction", due shortly. That may be true, but should we really agonise over share price records?

In an ideal world where markets were perfect, where everyone knew everything there was to know and interest rates were low, the index should reach a new record almost daily. If actuaries had their way, the FT-SE 100 would rise between 1.6 and 1.8 points each working day, working tediously and relentlessly towards the annual rates of return assumed in pension fund valuations.

These actuarial assumptions, which drive fund management, project future share prices and dividend growth from the long-term real growth potential of the economy, pretending that inflation is neutral. These projections are then discounted back to the present. Rationally, round numbers such as 4,000 should mean little because most investors still trade individual shares, not indices.

The daily record should not be interrupted by such short-term trivia as interest rate adjustments, tantrums on the foreign exchanges, takeover bids, oponion polls, surprise profit reports or monthly economic statistics that are not quite what forecasters expected. Only big shocks, such as Middle East wars, that have some lasting effect on dividend growth rates should mar the serene progress of the index.

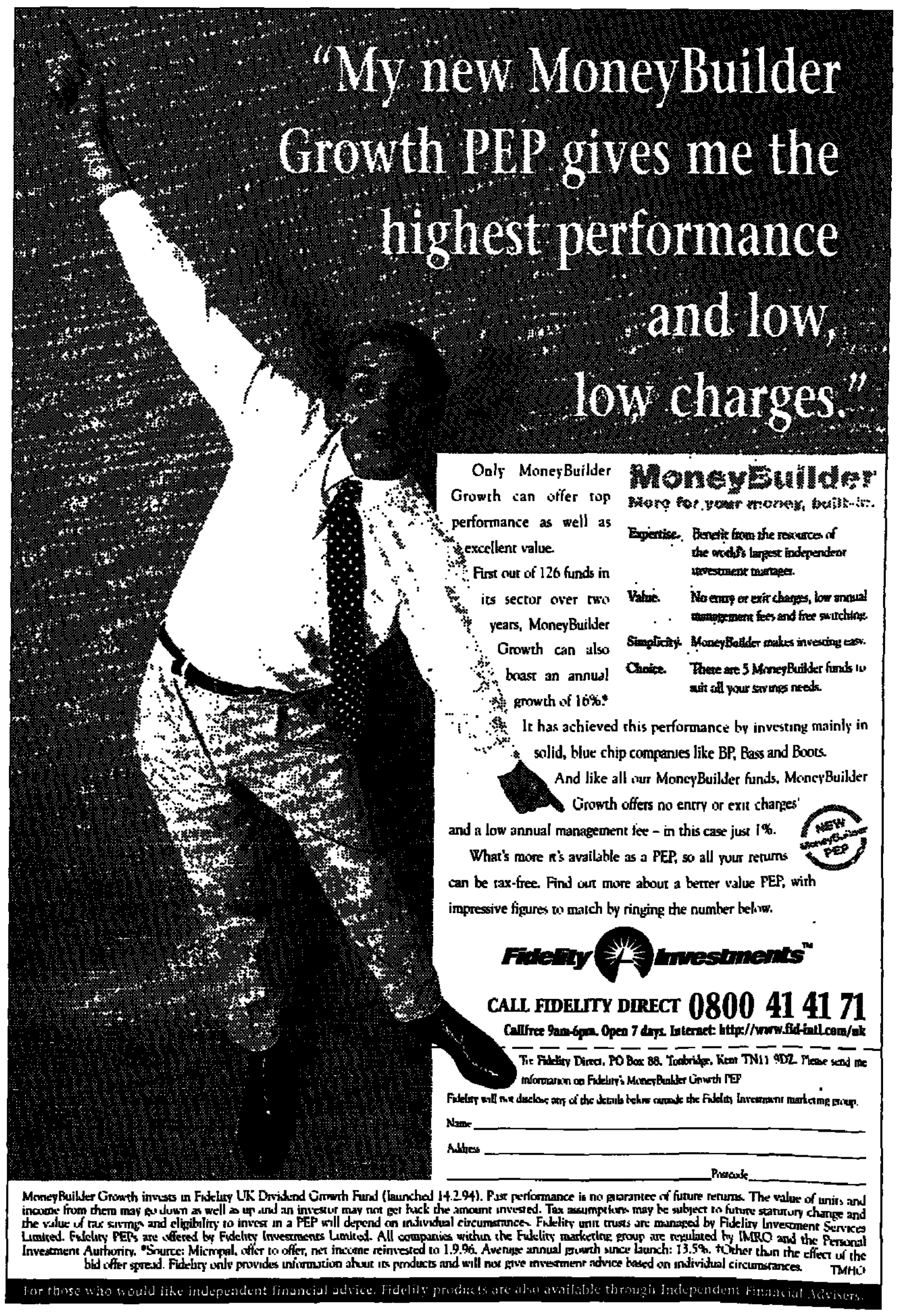
As any investor soon learns, the real world bears no likeness to this model. Reactions are instant and based on ignorance. Vision is limited and the money cost of time relatively high. Even in a liquid market, only a tiny proportion of stock is traded each day, at prices related to a spectrum of financial assets rather than fundamental value. News that prompts one investor to buy or sell usually provokes the same reaction in others, so prices move sharply to persuade enough to take the opposite view to balance supply and demand.

The trickiest aspect of market movements is momentum, because it often masks underlying trends. The City calls it sentiment. To the rest of us, it is a herd instinct to follow the crowd. In practice, almost all trends run too far and too fast. When momentum runs out and prices retreat towards a more rational level, the herd is just as likely to charge too far in the opposite direction. Analysts of share price charts try to predict changes in short-term trends by measuring changes in momentum.

A herd often pauses when it comes to a barrier, such as a round number on the stock market index. It took professionals a while in 1991 to gather enough courage to push the FT-SE 100 up through 2,500. In practice, over the past decade, these round numbers have counted for more on the way down. Once prices are established above a landmark level, that tends to act as floor to downtrends in prices, as in 1990 or 1994.

Some chartists reckon sentiment is neutral in the UK at the moment, though shares have risen vertically since July. There are other reasons why 4,000 ought not to be too significant. Movements in top shares are unusually varied. Many, including Allied Domecq, BAT, British Gas, Guinness and National Grid are, for one reason or another, nearer the year's low than any record high, so investors do not feel they are in the middle of a heady boom. On a long-term view, too, nothing untoward is happening. Prices were reckoned a little toppy at the start of the year. To reach 4,000, however, the index needed to rise little more than 300 points or 8.5 per cent, comfortably within those actuarial projections.

In this irrational world, the main worry is that shares have run too far ahead on Wall Street. The herd may be turning there. If it does, London would soon be coughing in the dust storm.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Amanda Loose on the Buy-to-Let scheme helping individuals to invest in property

Door opens for landlords

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Residential property is tipped for investment from institutions and individuals

In the Nineties, houses are for nesting, not investing, or so the pundits say. However, the revival of the property market has brought a renewed interest in buying *houses to let as an investment.* The attraction lies in double-digit returns.

In recent weeks, a Buy-to-Let scheme has been launched by lenders, including the Halifax and the Woolwich and the Association of Residential Letting Agents (Arla), to encourage more people to buy homes for letting. The new scheme will get rid of surcharges and commercial rates of interest traditionally charged on mortgages on investment properties.

The Buy-to-Let mortgages will be available from the Woolwich, the Halifax, Homeloans Direct, Mortgage Express and the Lloyds TSB lending group. Their support for the scheme shows a renewed confidence in property investment, says Liz McCallum, director of lettings for John D Wood, the estate agent.

She said: "Building societies have changed tack, and now recognise mature borrowers with a stable income, and properties let through reputable agents, as a viable source of business. So now investors will see property as an alternative form of investment, in the sort of market which everyone understands."

Buying to let is traditionally seen as a form of investment favoured most by expatriates or investors with big portfolios. The new scheme aims to encourage smaller private investors in the UK, who have been discouraged before.

Until now, people with mortgages on properties bought to let have paid between one and *three percentage points more* than owner-occupiers. Because let properties produce income, lenders classified mortgages on them as commercial.

Buy-to-Let means that anyone buying a property to let can now borrow on the same terms as owner-occupiers. Their potential rental income will now also be taken into account when their ability to meet repayments is assessed. Landlords will still be able to offset interest paid on mortgages *against tax on the rental* income.

Investors can now borrow on same terms as owner-occupiers

The Woolwich has had 5,000 inquiries since plans for the scheme were announced last June.

Ms McCallum is also aware of the investment benefits. "Even on the outskirts of London, rental yields are terrific," she says. "If you buy a property for £100,000, and pay £25,000 cash, and take out a mortgage for the balance, the rent will pay the mortgage. And if the property realises a 5 per cent gross increase in capital value in a year, this would add £5,000 to the £25,000 originally invested. This would mean that your £25,000 would have grown by *20 per cent in one year*, giving a better return than in many other investments."

The rentals market is strong most areas, according to Richard Donnell, of Savills Research, which is generally advising clients to invest in property to let. He says: "Property investment is definitely something to be thought about. Things are looking good for the market over the next 12 months, and I believe that residential property will grow as a way *of investment for institut*ions and private individuals."

Diana Rowell, of Strutt & Parker London Lets, agrees. She sees buying to let as a wise option for people with capital to invest, and, with prices rising, she advises potential landlords not to waste any time.

She says: "Someone with a bonus, or a retired person with *money* to invest, can make their money work twice for them, through the rental income and the capital gain on the value of the property. There aren't any bargains out there in London, but there are a few in the country, as long as you are prepared to spend money doing up the property."

Lenders *usually* expect one of the 1,200 Arla member offices to manage the purchase and letting of rental properties for clients. Letting agents hope the independent advice offered by Arla *will encourage more people* into the housing market.

Ms Rowell says: "People looking to move into the housing market often don't know where to look for impartial advice. Historically, *people* don't *trust* estate agents, but Arla is an independent body, bound by their word and advice, and able to recommend the best agent."

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Lancastrian looks south for home to let

MARTIN RICKETT

One *Times* reader, Christopher Rolfe, 36, a surveyor in Lancashire, is eager to buy to let. He started approaching lenders about a month ago, *before the scheme was launched.*

Buying to let would suit Mr Rolfe. He says: "I owned my own home until three years ago. My house at the moment comes with the job, but I feel that now is really the time to get back into the housing market as it is definitely rising." Mr Rolfe contacted many of the lenders in the area *where he lives to see whether they were* interested in properties bought to let. But the most he was offered was a commercial mortgage, and several lenders said it was just not their policy to offer mortgages on investment property.

"I was surprised at the number of building societies who just would not entertain the idea. But *since the launch of Buy-to-Let, I have seriously* started looking for somewhere to buy, and the Woolwich have just sent me details of the scheme. I would like to buy somewhere down South, and have arranged a couple of places to have a look at in the Surrey area," he says.

Fixed rate could pay long-term

The news from the Nationwide that property prices have risen 7 per cent over the past 12 months will give some solace to those people who have been caught in the *negative equity* trap over the past five years or so.

The moribund housing market is finally showing some signs of *life, with* reports of gazumping in some places and tales of property shortages in others.

Many people embarking on the process of buying a *property* for the first time may be overwhelmed by the choice of loan products now available.

One of *the first decisions* many borrowers will have to make is whether to opt for a fixed-rate or variable-rate mortgage.

The type of loan to choose depends on the long-term outlook for interest rates. The rates for two-, three- and five-year fixed loans depend on what the City believes the general rate of interest *could* be in the future. The average man or woman is unlikely to have had to grapple with this conundrum before, but there are a few points to *consider. Most mortgage* brokers believe that interest rates are at, or close to, their lowest point.

Government, whichever political party is in power, may be forced to raise interest rates to try to dampen down the inflationary pressures that appear to be building up in the economy — it is unlikely that the current variable rates of 6.99 per cent will be maintained *for much longer.*

Brokers point out that rates on five-year fixes are around 1 to 1.5 per cent *higher* than the variable rates.

Many borrowers are reluctant to take out a mortgage that has a rate that is higher than the variable rate offered by their lender. The market for two-year fixes is much more buoyant because the rates are around the 5 per cent mark or lower — nearly 2 per cent lower than the prevailing variable rates.

Simon Tyler, of Chase de Vere, the mortgage broker, said: "The most popular rates at the moment are still the two-year rates. We *would prefer borrowers* to take a longer-term view.

"The price of long-term rates has edged up over the last few months, but there is a general view that a change of government may not be as bad as was expected. There is no question that interest rates will rise."

Mr Tyler points out that *those borrowers* who are unwilling to take out a mortgage with a rate that is higher than the average variable rate could opt for a capped loan. A capped loan has a rate that is guaranteed not to rise above a certain level for a set period of time. "The Skipton Building Society is currently offering a five-year capped rate at 7.95 per cent," he said. Borrowers who choose this rate will start on the building society's variable rate of 6.84 per cent. As with most fixes, the deal *carries an arrangement* fee, of £295.

'There is no question that interest rates will rise'

Ian Darby, of John Charcol, mortgage brokers, said: "People are just not buying the longer-term fixed rates at the moment. They are not interested in taking out fixes where the rates are around the 7.75 per cent mark. This is a short-term attitude."

Mr Darby recommended five-year rates from the Britannia, at 7.74 per cent, NatWest, at 7.75 per cent, and the Yorkshire, at 7.85 per cent.

Anyone who opts for a fixed rate will have to pay an arrangement fee. They should also make sure that they take note of any redemption penalties.

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How hard does your company pension work?

Employees may not get the benefits they bargain for, says **Caroline Merrell**

All company pensions are not alike. A report published this week by Union Pension Services, a pension specialist, uncovered huge differences between the benefits provided by 200 major company final salary-type pension schemes. Final salary schemes, which have their origins in Victorian public sector pension funds, provide pensions linked to earnings.

The 200 schemes were compared to a hypothetical scheme constructed by UPS. Only a fraction made the grade. Bryn Davies, an actuary with Union Pension Services, said: "We did not make the target pension a perfect scheme. We just tried to make it what we feel to be fair."

UPS took into account a number of criteria. When comparing final salary schemes it is important to look at how the benefits accrue. Each year of service will buy a proportion of pension equal to a fraction of the final salary.

For instance, under many schemes one year of employment will buy a pension equivalent to $^1\!/_{60}$ of the final salary. Hence, 40 years of service will provide the maximum pension allowable under present Inland Revenue rules — two thirds of final salary.

Retirement age is another criterion. Some schemes allow members to retire early without any reduction in benefits, while others will considerably reduce the pension.

One final aspect of company pension schemes which can be compared is the basis on which contributions and benefits are assessed. The pension should be linked to gross pay, including overtime. Differences will also occur in the levels of contributions made by employers and employees.

The target scheme against which all the other schemes were measured in the survey assumed automatic scheme membership with a minimum age of 18. The final pension is based on gross salary, and the retirement age is set at 60. Each year of service with this company will buy pensions benefits worth $^1\!/_{60}$ of final salary.

The pension increases in line with the retail price index (RPI), and offers death in service benefit of four times the gross pension. Perhaps the most generous benefit offered by the model scheme is the spouse's pension — if the member dies, then the spouse will receive two thirds of the pension, based on the size of pension before the tax-free lump sum has been taken out.

The survey compared the 200 schemes against this model, coming up with a percentage figure about how they performed.

Only 14 schemes had equivalent or better benefits than the model scheme. The best schemes were offered by BP, Woolwich, Reckitt & Colman, Whitbread, Hoover, Halifax, Granada and Nationwide.

Of the 200 schemes surveyed, 37 offered benefits which were at least 90 per cent equivalent to the model scheme. This group included those offered by Boots, ICI, Bradford & Bingley, Wimpey and Norwich Union.

Among the worst schemes were those offered by John Menzies, Forte, Rentokil, Rank Organisation and Express Newspapers.

For example, the John Menzies scheme was deemed to offer benefits that were only a third as good as the model scheme. Each year of service under the John Menzies scheme buys a pension which is only equivalent to $^1\!/_{100}$ of final salary.

Union Pension Services can be contacted on 0171 737 0682. The full survey costs £295.

Granada, maker of *Coronation Street*, has a good plan

TOP RUNNERS

Table shows how some of the UK's biggest pension schemes match a hypothetical model scheme.

TOP 15	
Parliamentary Con Fund	126%
BP Scheme	111%
Woolwich	104%
Reckitt & Coleman	104%
Nationwide	104%
Hydro-Electric Scheme	104%
TSB	102%
Johnson Matthey	102%
Granada	102%
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Water Scheme	51%
BASF	42%
Forte	50%
Marshalls	50%
Sea-Land	50%
WEir Group	49%
NEI Group	48%
Cummins Engine	48%
Booker Scheme	47%
Milk Marque	45%
John Menzies	37%
SUIT's Scheme	36%

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COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH
Personal Finance Editor

Not so long ago no one talked about pensions for fear of being found dull. Now they are respectable, smart even, with some young men boasting of their turbocharged pension plans in the same way that they talk about new cars. However, the message that pensions are important has yet to be universally spread, and the emphasis in the debate remains too much on the state scheme.

Baroness Castle of Blackburn's attempt this week to urge the Labour Party to restore the link between the basic state pension and earnings was well-intentioned. But in highlighting the deficiencies of the state scheme, this pensioner militant diverted attention from the equally noteworthy shortcomings in other arrangements.

In the last few days, as we report on this page, a survey has appeared revealing that not all company pension schemes are equal.

Membership of a final salary scheme, where the benefits are less dependent on the vagaries of share prices, would seem to be the ideal solution to saving for retirement. But the survey shows that members of some such schemes would be foolish to believe that they could contemplate Rolls-Royce pensions. Although it's good to be with the Woolwich scheme, the yield from the Milk Marque fund will apparently be less generous. Most fortunate of all are MPs, whose scheme we would all vote to be in.

Those elderly people now struggling to survive on the current basic state pension of £3,180 a year would wish that they had had the opportunity to provide for themselves through final salary schemes. But thousands of today's workers in these supposedly superior schemes still have no guarantee of a comfortable retirement.

It's a jungle out there

INVESTMENTS with a zoological bent seem fated to take a tumble, even when the creatures concerned can show a good turn of speed.

The scandal of the Ostrich Farming Corporation, where several thousand fanciers spent £22 million on birds that may or may not exist, has been swiftly followed by the greyhound tale.

About 500 people invested £800,000 in units in the Anderson Churchill greyhound syndicate. Alerted by a concerned investor, the Securities and Investments Board has frozen the assets of Anderson Churchill, an unauthorised firm. Now the only chance of seeing their cash returned is perhaps a court case later this year.

These episodes illustrate the risks of investing in schemes — flesh, fowl or otherwise — where no watchdog keeps guard. Before signing a cheque, study our six-point guide (see page 32) to spotting an unsafe investment.

NU plays by the book

INSURANCE companies are not usually known for their finesse. Their relationships with their customers are characterised by indifference, punctuated by the odd bonus statement where the optimistic words contrast strangely with the depressing figures.

But Norwich Union appears to have been dipping into books of etiquette. The terms of the flotation seem intended to please as many people as possible. There will even be a payout for non-profit policyholders, who usually get left off the guest list for smart events.

Health, household and motor policyholders are not invited to the bunfight. They may be piqued but they should not be inconsolable. Life and pension policyholders may be about to receive free shares. But Norwich Union has not made any commitment to freeze its charges on these policies after its change of status.

This could mean that some of their windfall profit will be wiped away in higher deductions from premiums. Meanwhile, with the capital raised from the flotation, Norwich Union will be eagerly competing in the general insurance market, perhaps making car and contents cover cheaper. Who will be celebrating then?

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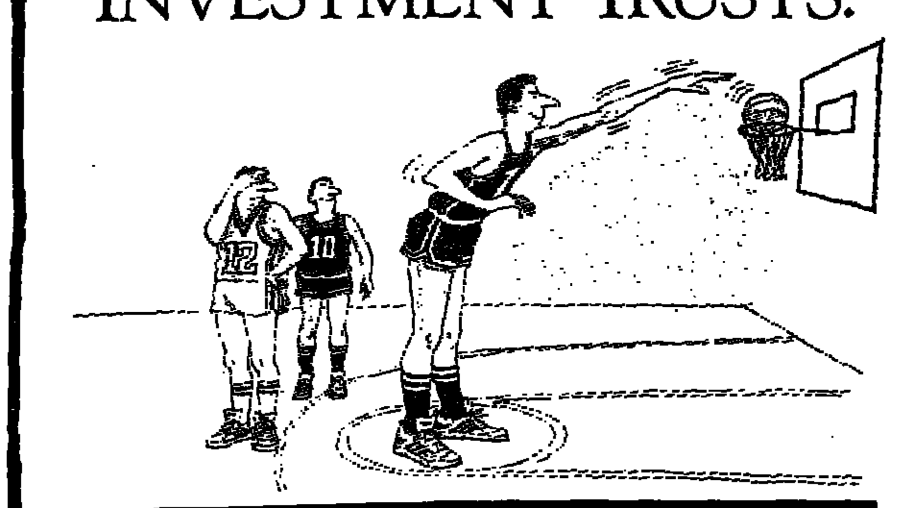

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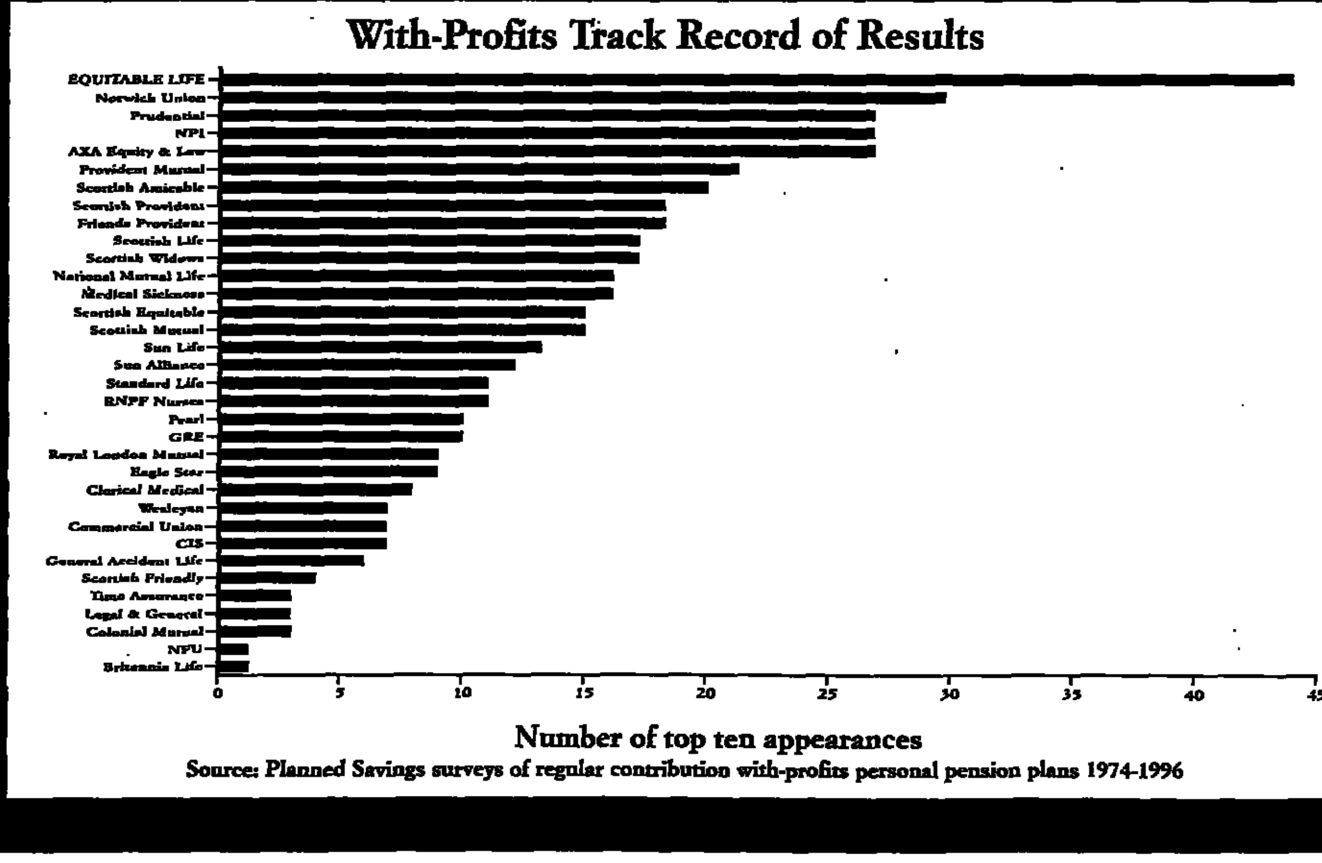

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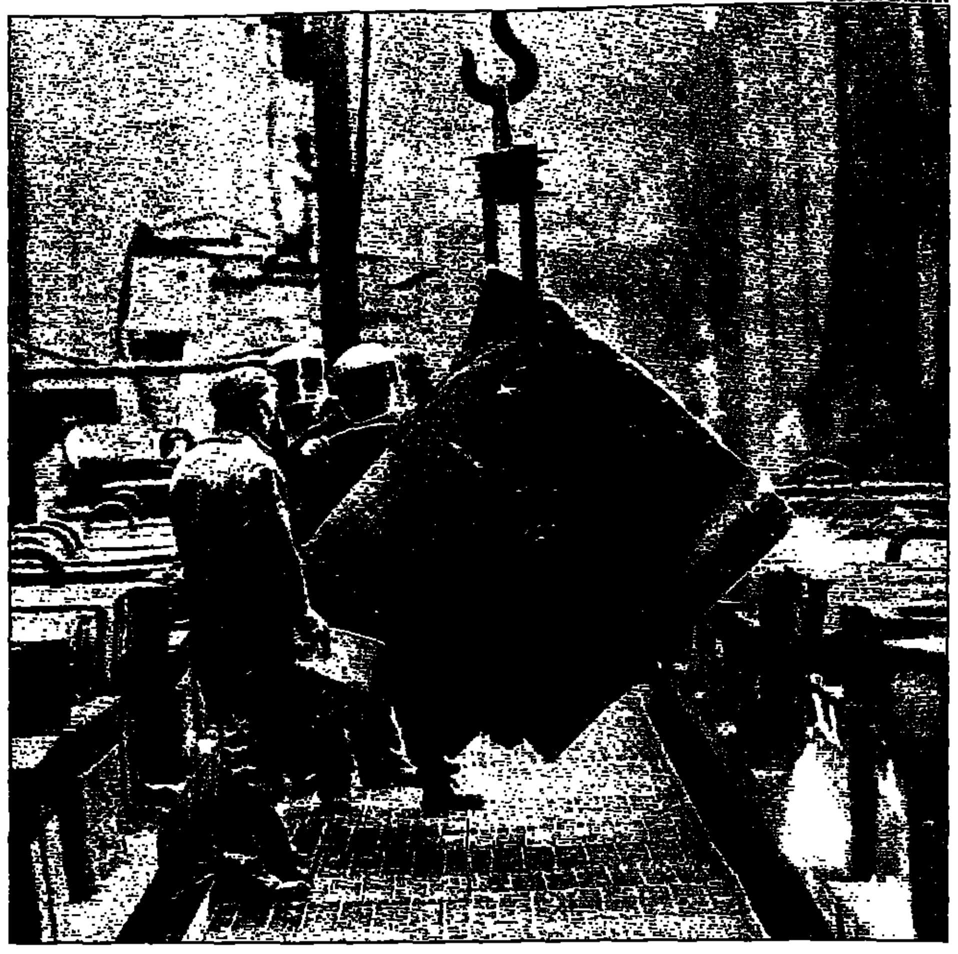

Karen Zagor on ups and downs of the privatised British producer

Most shareholders may have been ready to open the champagne to cheer a record week on the stock market, but British Steel shareholders will be feeling far from bubbly. A broker's decision to shift BS from "buy" to "hold" made the share the worst performer in the FT-SE 100 on Tuesday. Although they crept upwards for the rest of the week, the improvement did not reflect the record FT-SE gains.

Turbulence is nothing new for British Steel shareholders. From when the shares started trading, in December 1988, until 1992, they convincingly underperformed the all-share index. Since then, there has been an improvement, but the general feeling is this high-yielding stock carries big risks.

The sector is so volatile that Alan Coats, analyst at Merrill Lynch, says: "Pensioners who invest in British Steel should also invest in heart pills."

Q How popular was the privatisation?

A By the time that British Steel was privatised in late 1988, the Government no longer had to convince punters that there was money to be made in buying shares. Earlier issues, such as the first stage of the British Telecom privatisation, had performed exceptionally well. As a result, the British Steel share offer was hugely oversubscribed.

Q How have the shares performed?

A Investors paid 125p a share for British Steel in 1988. By 1992, the shares had hit a low of 46.5p. Anyone who bought shares then will have done well. The share price has risen fairly consistently since, hitting a peak of 199.5p in April. Today, they trade at about 195p. Initial investors would have done better to have bought other shares, but British Steel investors still did better than those who left their money in the building society.

Q Why has the price been so erratic?

A Steel companies are erratic performers, at the mercy of demand from other industries and economic cycles. In addition, British Steel was badly in need of an overhaul when privatised and spent heavily to become more competitive. The last recession hit not long after privatisation, taking a bite out of the company's profits and share price. Now, British Steel is a trimmer, more efficient version, with lower labour costs, allowing it to be a leading low-cost producer. This year, the shares firmed amid expectations that steel demand was set to pick up and rumours that the company was about to make a share buyback. The buyback speculation died down after the chairman said investing in new capacity was a higher priority.

Q What about its financial performance?

A After achieving record profits within two years of privatisation, the financial performance started to slump. By 1992, it was reporting pre-tax losses, which continued into 1993. The dividend, at 4.5p a share in 1992, fell to 1p a share in 1993. By 1994, earnings and dividends had started to recover, with pre-tax profits of £80 million and a dividend of 2p a share. By 1995, the dividend was 7.5p a share. More recently, the company reported 1996 pre-tax profits of £1.1 billion, with a 10p dividend.

Q What does the market expect?

A In spite of its recent record results, analysts are cautious about the future. In June, when British Steel issued its annual results, it said that it was at the peak of its current cycle and that this year's earnings would be hurt by weak markets in Europe, although it still expected results to be satisfactory. British Steel may be in better shape now than it was going into the last recession, but there are still reasons to be concerned.

Worries are widespread about steel prices in Europe, which have fallen sharply this year. About 80 per cent of British Steel's sales are in Europe, where oversupply is putting pressure on prices. Crédit Lyonnais this week decided to lower its rating on the stock to reflect the poor pricing environment in recent months, although it expects improvement in the second half of this year and into 1998. A week earlier, NatWest Securities issued a "sell" rating on the shares, noting that investors can get a similar yield on gilts with less risk.

NatWest's concern centres on the fact that steel-using industries are in decline in Europe and that growth industries have little use for steel. In addition, some analysts are concerned that British Steel will not be able to maintain its dividend through the next economic downturn.

On a more positive note, the company has a strong cashflow that should help it through the next downturn and is unlikely to face much competition from US steel producers, who are busy with buoyant demand at home. Similarly, its extremely low cost base will help it through times of trouble. And some analysts believe its dividend level is sustainable even if profits slide.

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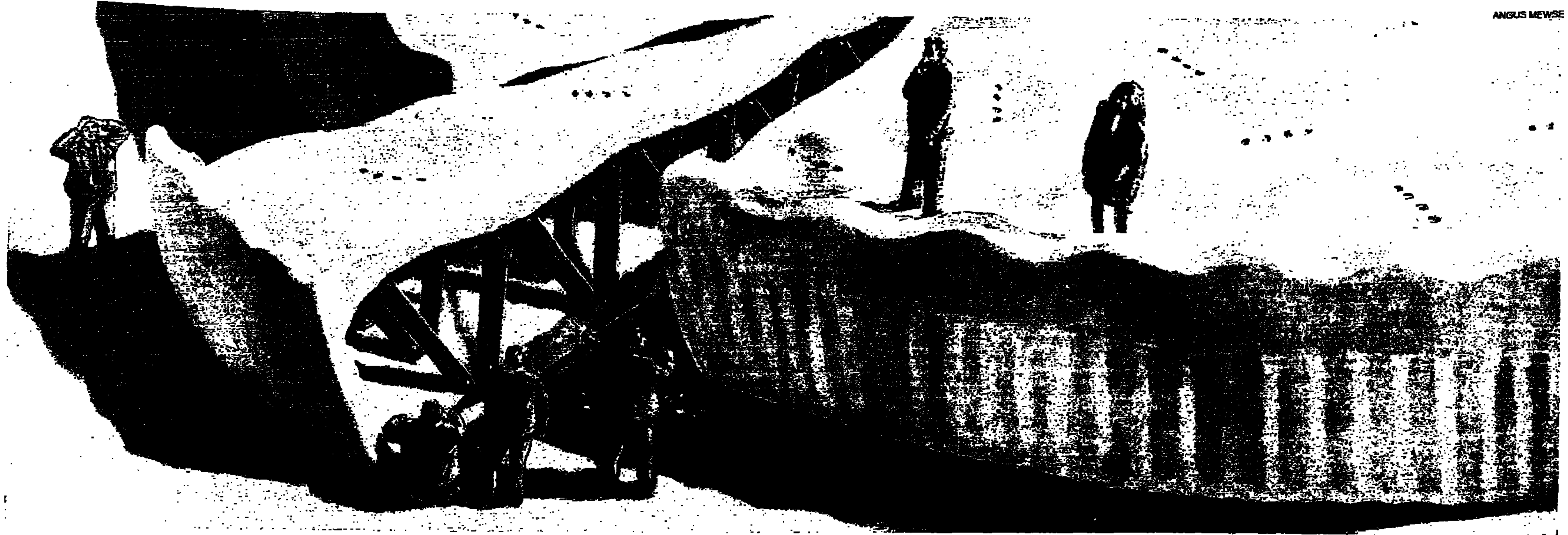
Adam Jones on the possible pitfalls for investors when they are offered investment trust warrants



Warrants, when they are exercised, can also store up problems for the future by diluting the value of existing holdings. There are suddenly more shares, so the slices of the pie get smaller

Buy five and get one free, but can warrants be such a bargain?

It sounds like the kind of offer you find in your local supermarket — buy five, get one free. But in the world of investment trusts, things aren't quite so simple.

Increasingly, people buying into new investment trusts find they get a little extra — a warrant for every five shares they purchase.

A warrant is an option — but not an obligation — to buy a further share at a fixed price in the future. Typically, this exercise price is 100p.

The idea is that the share price of the investment trust will soar past this mark, leaving the warrant holder with the happy knowledge that they can exercise their right to buy new shares at a ridiculously cheap price.

Or they could sell the warrant, as they can be traded independently of the shares. The equity lists in newspapers are full of warrant prices, nestling just beneath the main entry for the ordinary shares of that investment trust. Their value could be anything from a few pence to pounds.

This price is not just dependent on the value of the underlying share. Warrants have a fixed lifespan — ten years or so. Beyond this point, they cannot be exercised and are worthless. And in general, the more time they have left on them, the greater their value.

The advantage of selling for warrant holders is that it can enable them to realise some of the potential gains, without having to shell out on new shares — they may not have the capital. But this assumes there will be a buyer, by no means a certainty. Charles Cade, a Merrill Lynch analyst, points out: "Warrants are fairly illiquid." With only one warrant for each five shares, it is easy to see why they might be harder to shift than the ordinary shares.

So why are warrants there, complicating life? Basically, they make the investment trust look sexier when it launches. Most trusts go to a discount when they start trading, meaning their share price has dropped beneath the issue price. If the fund managers bundle warrants into the deal, they can improve the price, simply because warrants encourage the market to look at how the shares will be performing in the longer term. This sleight-of-hand generally leads to a more favourable rating.

John Szymanowski, an SBC Warburg analyst, says: "They are transferring future value into today's valuation." But it can also store up problems for the future.

Warrants, when they are exercised, dilute the value of existing holdings — there are suddenly more shares, so the slices of the pie get smaller. And as the assets of the investment trust grow, the dilutive effect of warrant exercise gets bigger.

Of course, unexercised warrants are an insurance policy against getting left behind when other people exercise theirs. But you should exercise as late as possible to ensure that you are not throwing away the value that the time element has created. Mr Cade says shareholders are often spooked into dumping the warrants too early.

So what about buying warrants for their own sake? Beware, warrants are among the most sophisticated and volatile investments open to a private individual. Warrants are geared, meaning they magnify market movements. Great if things are on the up, but potentially ruinous on the return journey. A 5p fall in the underlying ordinary share, for instance, may be matched with a 5p fall in the warrant. The share price will be dented. The warrant price, which can be as much as 30 times smaller, will be devastated by this like-for-like behaviour.

Not for beginners, then, and even not for many confident private investors. A lot of the information useful for the analysis of warrant prices simply isn't available to the general public.

Warrant valuation is very much a science, and there are still disagreements among professionals as to the best method. But that said, there are rumblings in the City that the warrant market is underpriced in relation to ordinary shares.

Mr Szymanowski says: "Warrants in their own right offer some very attractive opportunities. At the moment, there are lots of them that look very cheap." He says investors should look for a long life on the warrants, combined with a low premium and high gearing (the price of the ordinary share divided by the price of the warrant).

Investors should also look at the yield on the ordinary shares, says Mr Cade. If lots of *income* is being paid out, capital growth will be suffering — this can be bad news for warrant holders.

A final warning. The warrant market may look cheap but this may be getting things back to front. It may be that the ordinary market is overpriced, making warrants look good.

WARRANTS TO WATCH

IN its latest commentary on the market, SBC Warburg recommended the following warrants.

- ☐ **Fidelity European Values (129p, with five years to run)**
- ☐ **Martin Currie European (47.75p, with two years to run)**
- ☐ **Mercury European Privatisation (31.75p, with eight years to run)**
- ☐ **English & Scottish (61.25p, with a year and a half to run).**
- ☐ **Prolific's Income trust has also been tipped by analysts as cheap, as has Templeton Emerging Markets and the Central European Growth investment trust.**

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Helen Pridham on permanent health insurance

Finding the proper policy is hard work

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The low-paid can look askance at PHI but it may be a better deal for the executive

Apart from receiving good medical treatment, the most important thing you need if you are ill is a continuing income. Most people appear to ignore this fact in their financial planning.

Only one in ten of the working population has insurance that will provide a replacement income if they are unable to work because of ill-health. Insurers had been hoping for an upsurge in sales of this insurance, known as permanent health insurance, or PHI, when the Government reduced state sickness benefits last year and toughened its stance towards claimants.

Statistics indicate that the Department of Social Security is currently halfway to removing around 200,000 people who are considered fit for work from the incapacity payroll.

The Government's announcement in the last Budget that income payments from PHI policies would be tax-free after April was also seen as an extra boost. Sales have now begun to pick up this year, but progress is slow.

Not everyone needs PHI. Indeed, earlier this year the Office of Fair Trading criticised insurers for exaggerating the case for taking it out. For example, if you are on a low income or your employer offers a generous sick pay scheme, there may be little point.

On the other hand, if you are on an average or above average income and on short-term contract or self-employed, PHI is well worth considering. Otherwise you could find maintaining your standard of living during a prolonged period of ill-health extremely difficult.

Cost is the factor that puts *most people off, though this* may be because most salesmen are anxious to sell the maximum level of cover — typically for around 50 per cent of your income.

Alan Lakey, an independent financial adviser, of Highclere Financial Services, Hemel Hempstead, has adopted a different approach. He says: "I encourage clients to take out enough PHI to cover their mortgage payments initially to keep premiums at affordable levels and then suggest increases later to cover other outgoings."

Comparing costs is difficult because most PHI policies nowadays have variable premiums which are reviewed periodically, typically every five years. Some also have an investment element that means charges, and investment performance can also impact on future premiums. A small number of companies such as Friends Provident and Swiss Life are still charging fixed premiums. Their premiums can be higher initially.

Clive Scott Hopkins of Towry Law, independent advisers, favours fixed premium policies. He believes that prospective policyholders should think twice before taking out a variable premium policy.

"They may be cheaper at first but the premiums have a habit of increasing after each review so that you can end up paying more than with a fixed premium policy," he says.

When taking out PHI, you will probably have to compromise on how quickly a policy will start to pay out benefits. Most people would like payments to start immediately they become ill, but not only is *it difficult to find companies* that offer this option, the cost is considerably more than if you are prepared to wait for, say, eight or 13 weeks.

However, Mr Lakey points out: "Bear in mind when choosing a waiting period that because companies make payments monthly in arrears you will actually have to wait four *weeks longer for your money* than you may expect initially."

Benefits will be paid until you return to work, but if your poor health proves to be a permanent condition and you are unable to return to work, a PHI policy will continue to pay out until you reach your normal retirement age.

Always look carefully at how disability is defined. There are three variations. Some insurers define it as your inability to perform "any" occupation. This means if you *could still do some kind of* work, the company will not pay you any benefit.

Others define it as the inability to perform your own occupation or one which is "reasonably suitable".

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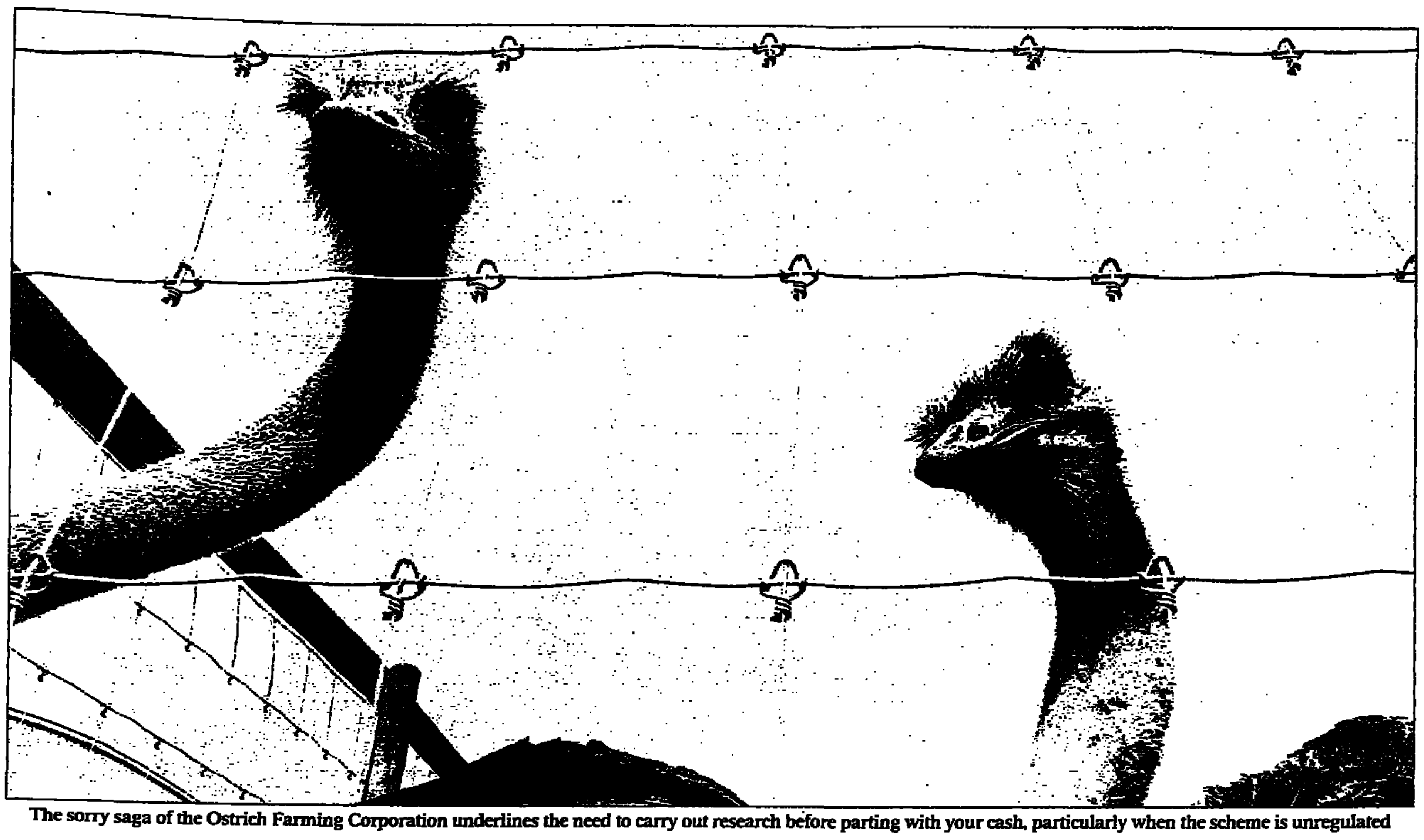

The sorry saga of the Ostrich Farming Corporation underlines the need to carry out research before parting with your cash, particularly when the scheme is unregulated

How to give dodgy deals the bird

Karen Zagor on taking steps to safeguard your investment

For the 2,700 investors who parted with about £22 million in the hope of making a fortune by buying ostriches through the Ostrich Farming Corporation, news that their money has been siphoned off through a series of US companies is just another blow in a painful saga, as is the report that not all investors' birds have been identified.

It now seems certain that investors will lose a large chunk of their stake. Many paid up to £17,700 for the birds, which have a market value of no more than £400. Those whose birds have been identified now have a choice of leaving them where they are — on a farm in Belgium — and paying £637 for livery to the end of this year, or removing them at a cost of £600. They could also sell or abandon the birds.

One of the most galling aspects is that alarmed regulators had been watching the Ostrich Farming Corporation's activities for more than a year before moving to protect investors. The Securities and Investment Board (SIB) was first to become concerned, but ultimately decided *that the company's activities fell* outside its jurisdiction because investors were buying birds, not a financial product. SIB passed its notes to the Department of Trade and Industry, which took almost a year before acting to close down the company on public-interest grounds in April.

As the Ostrich Farming Corporation — and the Alchemy pyramid-selling operation before it — illustrate, you cannot count on the regulators to protect you from a dodgy scheme. Clever operators will always find a way round the rules.

Investors in the Ostrich Farming Corporation were not ignorant or illiterate; many had run their own businesses and had done some research into the company beforehand. Yet they might have been spared if they had paid attention to the warning signs:

■ **Promise of exceptional returns:** The corporation said investors could count on profits of at least 51.6 per cent a year for five years. But if a company promises outstanding returns, *make sure it is using* compound annual growth, not simply adding up percentages for every year. If a company is not using the accepted method, it is already promising more than it can deliver.

In addition, financial advisers note that the biggest profits are made by early investors in a company, usually friends, family and business associates. The real money is in spotting the trend.

■ **Unsubstantiated guarantees:** If a company offers a guarantee, find out what is behind it. If it is based on a market performing in a certain way over a certain period and is not backed by real funds, it is not worth much. Similarly, if a company says its product is insured, find out the insurer's name and ask them what the insurance covers. In the case of the Ostrich Farming Corporation, the literature said the birds were insured but there was no underwriter.

■ **Lack of Audited Information:** Investors should always check to see when a company was incorporated *and remember that the absence of a* track record is not the same as a good business record. After a company is incorporated, it does not have to file an audited financial statement with Companies House for 18 months. The OFC did provide a balance sheet, but it had not been audited.

Many Ostrich Farming Corporation investors did their homework by contacting business information groups before parting with their money. In at least one case, a well-known agency gave OFC a clean bill of health because there was nothing negative known about the company.

■ **The Hard Sell:** During its last months of business, the corporation told investors that prices would rise shortly. It is never a good idea to invest under pressure. Take your time and do some research. Do not accept the statistics given out — if the figures are attributed to a legitimate organisation, check that it still stands by the information. The OFC quoted research from Dun & Bradstreet in *its literature, but the information was* many years out of date and Dun & Bradstreet had not given permission for it to be used.

If you are looking at a farming investment, for example, try to find independent vets and farmers to find out about the animals, their breeding patterns, survival rates and what the market looks like.

■ **Lavish Spending:** If a company is spending heavily on videos, glossy literature, elaborate offices and events it is worth asking where the money is coming from. If it is a new company without the backing of a wealthy parent, the money could be from investors' funds.

■ **Absence of Regulatory Protection:** If an investment falls outside the regulatory framework, it may have been structured that way for a reason. Investments in animals and objects are exempt from the rules that apply to the financial services sector.

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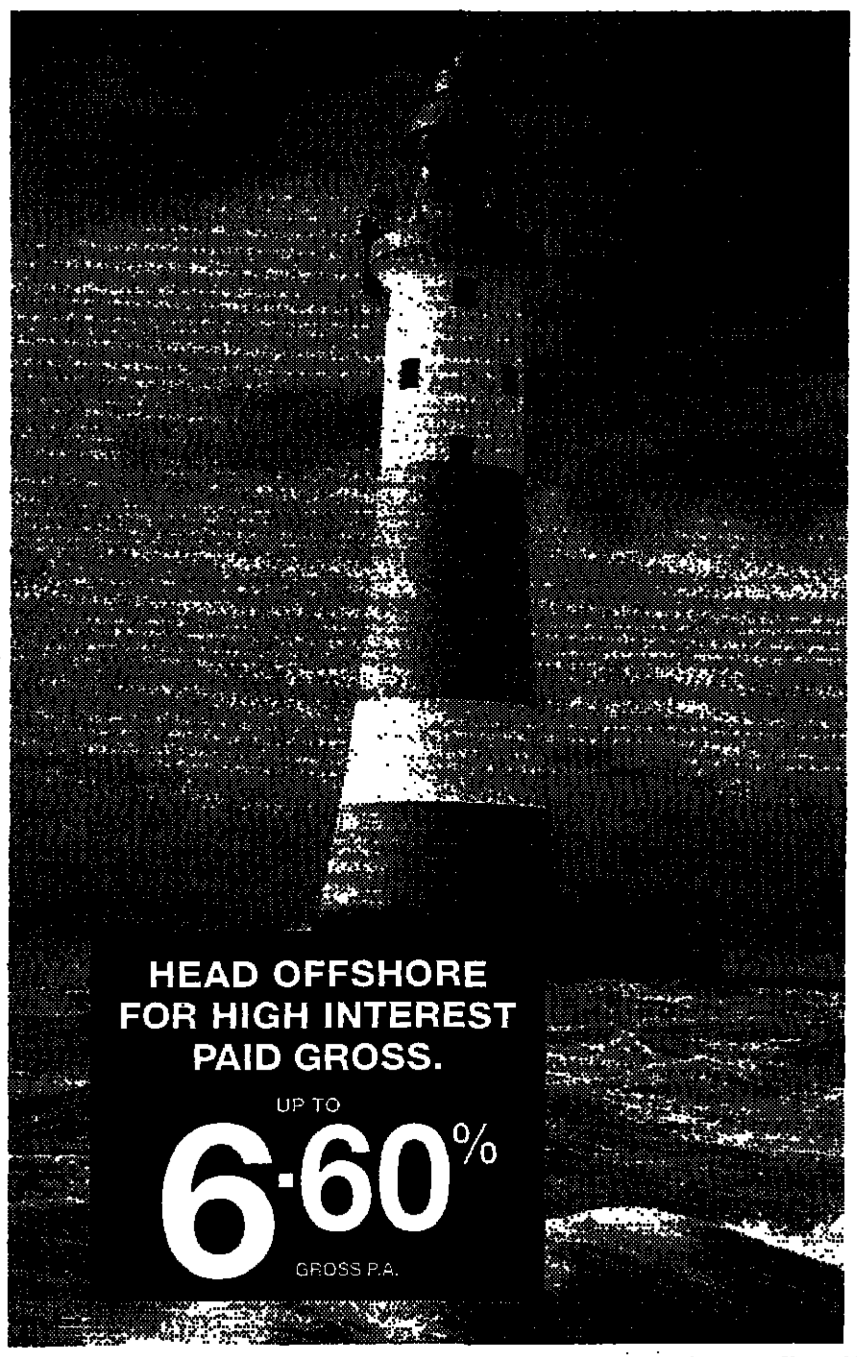

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Caroline Merrell outlines the odds when hedging on the stock market

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A wrong choice of market product could cost a few smackers, but punters who backed jockey Frankie Dettori at Ascot last Saturday got it right

A tactical bet on equities

Frankie Dettori's *unprecedented* seven-horse win at Ascot last week was a bonanza for the punters. For once *they* managed to get the better of the bookies, fleecing them to the tune of £30 million.

Investing in the stock market could be as financially rewarding, but as with betting on the *horses,* it also carries a high degree of risk.

The odds may now be stacked against any further *rises in the price of shares on* the UK and US markets — as both are close to all-time highs.

Jeremy Batstone, of Natwest Stockbrokers, says: "We do not believe the UK market will continue to race above the 4,000 *barrier. We think there* may be a reappraisal on the *prospects for an increase* in inflation.

"We are concerned that the Fed in America has not yet raised interest rates to try to dampen down inflation, and think that interest rates in this *country need to go up. The* market may fall."

Those interested in taking a punt on UK shares may feel it prudent to try to find an investment where they can hedge their bets.

Many financial companies offer products which will give a return linked to the rise in the UK market or other international stock markets, and will also guarantee to return capital if the *market falls.* Some will also even give a *return if the markets fall.*

As with many complicated betting *systems, these products* can be difficult to understand, and the cost of hedging an investment against falls in the market, could outweigh the gains.

For instance, a product which will pay a return, even if the market falls, is likely to capture less of the rise in the market than a product which only guarantees to return the capital.

The guaranteed-style products on offer can come in the *form of personal equity plans,* unit trusts or life insurance *bonds. They are suitable for* those with a lump sum to invest and usually have a five-year investment span. Peps have a more advantageous tax position than bonds, and bonds tend to have higher *upfront* charges. This does not mean that the bond products should be disregarded — it all depends on the nature of the guarantee, or the hedge.

Most schemes will put a small proportion of money in derivatives to produce a return linked to the index, while the rest of the money is held on deposit to provide the return of capital. Other schemes *will* simply offer an insurance *policy against any falls.*

Marks & Spencer and *Barclays are both offering* guaranteed Peps at the moment. Both are five-year investments which will track the performance of the FT-SE 100 index. If the market falls over *the five-year period then both* plans will return the original *capital to investors.* The Peps have slightly different charging structures, with Barclays having a higher upfront charge but a smaller annual charge. HSBC is also offering a guaranteed-type product which will pay out 125 per cent of the rise in the FT-SE-100 over five years plus a return of the capital if the market falls.

Make sure you are happy over the price for the guarantee

Other companies, including Premier Investment, offer products which will *lock* in the gains in the market on a *quarterly basis. This guards* against all the gains being *knocked out by a sudden* market correction at the end of the five-year period. Other companies offering guaranteed style products include Scottish Widows, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Natwest and Clerical Medical.

Fiona Price, of Fiona Price & Partners, says: "Obviously, the first thing for anyone who is interested in taking out one of these products to do is to make *sure they fully* understand the nature of the *guarantee. They need to* understand what level of risk they *are willing to undertake,* and whether they are happy to pay the price for the guarantee.

"With markets at their present level, some sort of guaranteed product may be important," she added.

Mike Usher, an adviser with Brooks MacDonald Gayer, says: "Investors have to be aware of the what the guarantee is. Bonds offering guarantees may be disadvantageous to non-taxpayers because they cannot claim back the tax which has already been paid from the product. Peps, *on the other hand,* are free from both income and capital gains tax." Ian Millward, of Chase de Vere, *says: "Some* products offer returns linked to markets other than the UK, which may be worth considering."

WATCHLIST

- ■ Make sure you understand exactly what the guarantee is and how much it costs in *terms* of lost performance.
- ■ Look at the charging *structure* on the product — most will carry an upfront *charge of up* to 5 per cent and an annual management charge of up to 1.5 per cent.
- ■ Look at the taxation of the product and how it relates to your own tax position.
- ■ *Ensure* you understand any early cancellation penalties.
- ■ Consider taking out a product which is linked to more than one stock market.
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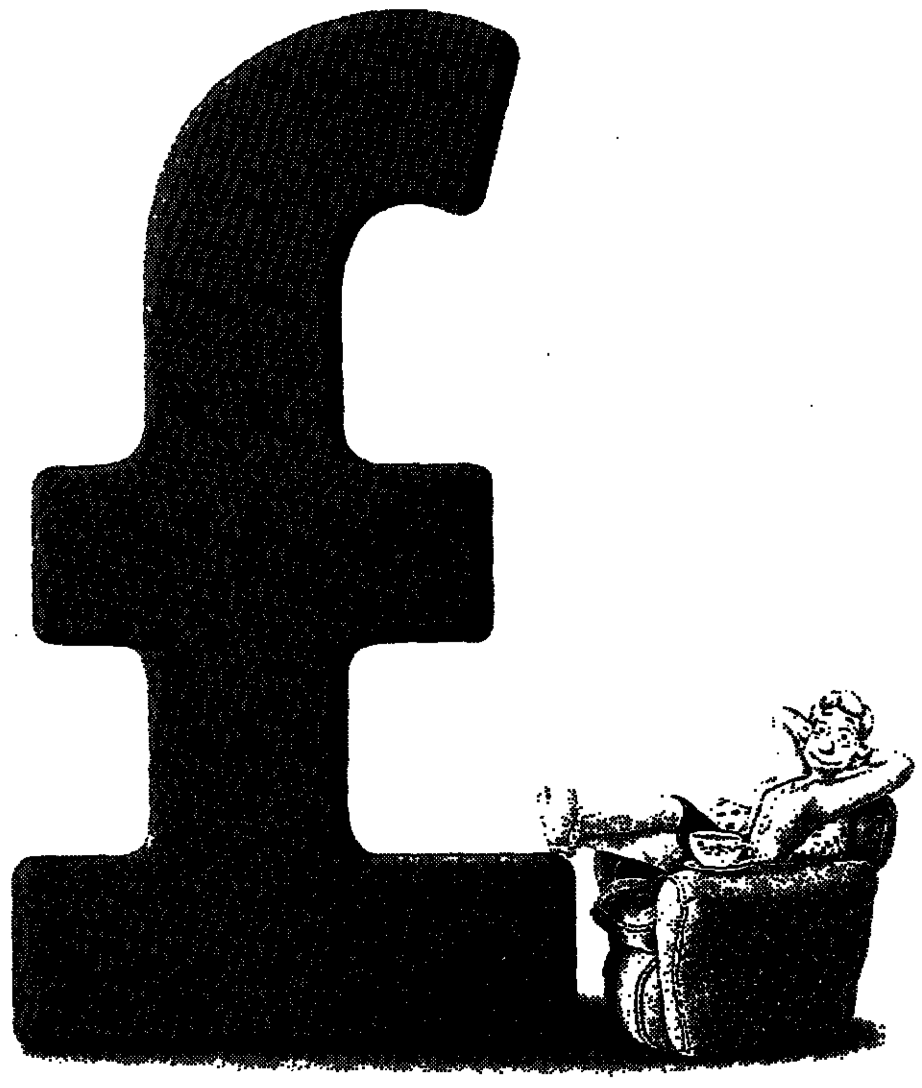

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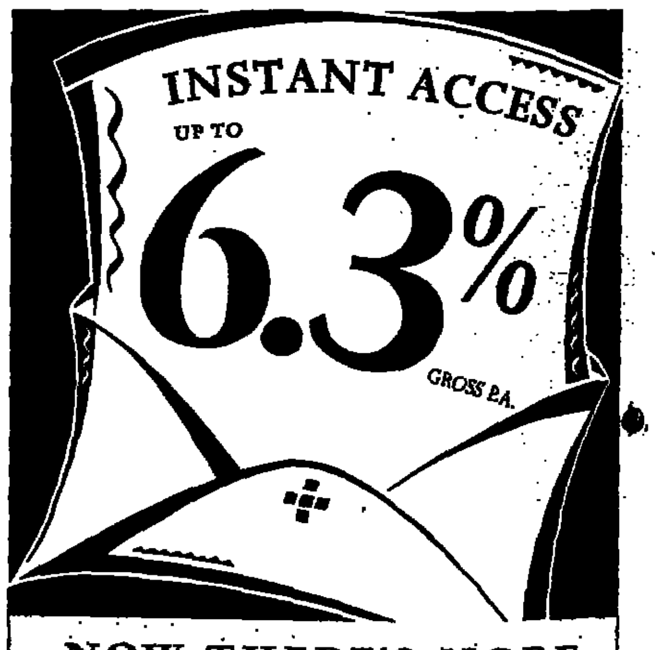

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while **Sarah Jones** looks at low-risk with-profit bonds

It can take time to earn the best rates

The with-profits bond is being hailed as the safe alternative to paltry building society rates. But be warned, pick your provider carefully to get the best returns, and it must be seen as a long-term investment.

"The top with profit bonds, which are lower risk investments, are currently the best alternative to cash deposits. These deposits are now providing the lowest returns for 143 years," says David Aaron of David Aaron Partnership, independent financial advisers.

The latest guide to with-profits bonds from David Aaron shows that the average five-year returns after charges and basic rate tax have risen to 8 per cent, compared with 7.6 per cent a year ago.

However, the report also shows the gulf between the best and worst performers. The best are Prudential (10 per cent net of basic rate tax, over five years to April), General Accident (9.8 per cent) and Sun Life (8.4 per cent). That compares with Axa Equity & Law (7 per cent), Legal & General (6.9 per cent) and London & Manchester (6.4 per cent).

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Average five-year returns after charges have risen to 8 per cent

With-profits bonds are aimed at traditional building society investors seeing their capital eroded by inflation. A with-profits bond, on the other hand, should produce growth over and above inflation.

Mr Aaron gives the example of Sun Life which, over the past five years, has returned 8.4 per cent a year. Take inflation into account and that is a real return of 5.5 per cent, compared with an annualised building society return of 4.6 per cent.

Until a few years ago with-profits policies could only be bought as regular premium whole of life or long-term savings plans, but now several major life companies are offering lump sum with-profits policies. As with other investment bonds, you give a lump sum to the life assurance company, which invests your money along with that of other investors in stocks and shares and government securities.

The return on with-profits bonds is calculated differently from other bonds. The company manages the increase in the fund's value, to even out the rise and fall in the value at different times. It does this by retaining some of the increase in the value so that it can allocate a bonus at the end of each year, even in bad years, and can also allocate a terminal bonus at the end of your term of investment.

"These bonds are only for people who recognise they need to invest for capital growth but can't stand much more risk than the building society," says Yvonne Rose of Diane Saunders, independent financial advisers. "If they can cope with the risk I would suggest unit or investment trusts instead."

With-profits bonds can provide a 5 per cent tax-free income for all taxpayers but higher-rate taxpayers will have to pay some tax on their profits when they cash their policies in.

Basic-rate taxpayers can take any withdrawals free of tax and penalties up to 7.5 per cent in most cases, but take out more than the bonuses have earned and you will be eating into capital.

It is the use of bonuses to smooth out market fluctuations, together with its type of investments, that makes with-profits bonds low-risk. However, low risk also means slow growth and these bonds have to be seen as a long-term investment, preferably ten years, to maximise growth.

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Halifax Solid Gold (90 Day Notice)	2.75%	2.75%	3.05%	3.05%	3.80%	3.80%	4.30%	4.30%
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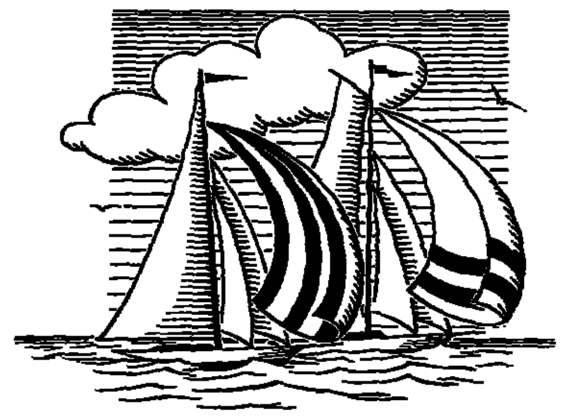

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THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

Beat the system with new guide

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For those thinking of setting up a trust, the Inland Revenue has produced a useful guide to *the basic types of private* family trust and how they are taxed. The trusts covered are bare trusts, interest in possession, *discretionary, accumulation* and mixed trusts. The booklet explains what to do when a trust is created and when it ceases. *Trusts* is available from your local tax inquiry centre or tax office.

Self-employed homebuyers often have difficulty in finding the right mortgage to meet their needs, particularly those with a fluctuating cashflow. *UBC Home Loans thinks* it has the answer. The "Really Useful Mortgage" allows borrowers to withdraw or repay funds without incurring an early settlement charge or further advance fees. The mortgage is also available to those who are unable to provide accounts. For a quotation, call 0645 401400.

Skipton Building Society is launching a second escalator bond. The two-year Step-Up Bond allows investors instant access to 20 per cent of the initial investment without penalty. Fixed rates are guaranteed over the two-year period and increase every six months. The minimum investment is £2,000. Freephone 0800 603010 for more details.

With 57 per cent of overseas UK payments under £2,000, The *Royal Bank of Scotland* has launched a cheaper way to send money abroad. The low-cost solution — Royworld Budget — *is available through* Royal Bank branches to both customers and non-customers. A single flat fee of £9 is charged and payment will be received within four to six days.

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SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Teachers' BS 01202 887171	Bullion	Instant	£500	4.80	½Yly
Alliance & Leic BS 0645 228858	Instnt Direct	Postal	£5,000	5.40	Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 901109	Inst Acc Post	Postal	£10,000	5.85	Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 901109	Inst Acc Post	Postal	£25,000	6.05	Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS & BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Chelsea BS 0800 132351	POST-tel 20 day	20 day p	£5,000	6.05	Yly
Cheltenham & Glouc 0800 717505	Direct 30	30 day p	£100	5.50	Yly
Greenwich BS 0181 858 8212	One Yr Term Shr	1 year	£2,500	6.50	Yly
Yorkshire BS 0800 378836	Fixed Rate Bond	31.3.98	£5,000	6.60	F/OM

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505	Fixed rate	5 year	£8,575	7.50	F/Yly
NatWest Bank 0800 200400	Fixed rate	5 year	£5,000	7.45	F/Yly
Birmingham Midshires 0645 720721		5 year	£1,000	7.00	Yly
Principality BS 01222 344188		5 year	£500	6.80	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Co-operative Bank 0800 109000	Advantage Visa	0.64%NC	7.90%N	Nil
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.90%C	11.20%	Nil
RB of Scotland 01702 349393	Visa/WorldwideM	0.935%N	12.90%N	£10

PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Direct Line 0141 248 9966	13.90%E	£112.86	£101.33
Alliance & Leic Grp 0116 2626262	14.80%	£114.93	£102.36
Midland 0800 180180	14.90%	£115.82	£102.49

Nb. C = no interest free period, E = Available to comprehensive motor insurance policy holders over 22 years, F = Fixed Rate (all other rates variable), N = Introductory rate for a limited period, P = By Post only

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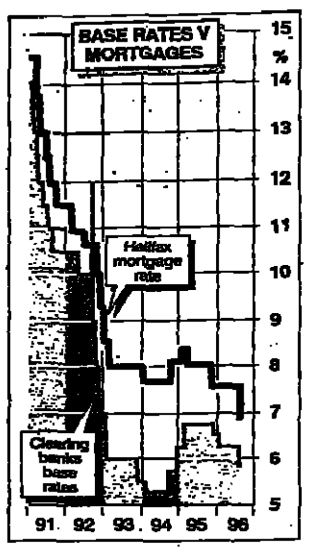
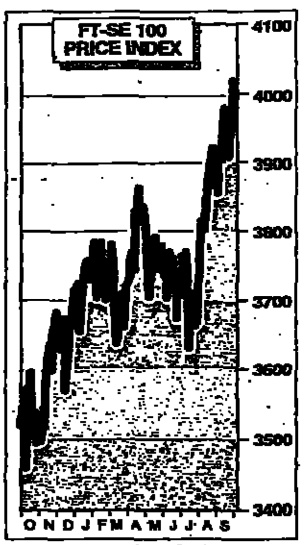
Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 20%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	1.50	1.20	0.90	10-10,000**		0645 645000
Investment A/c*⁵	4.75	3.80	2.85	20-500*⁷	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond* ⁶	6.00	4.80	3.60	2k-25k**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond⁴	6.00	4.80	3.60	1,000-20k**		0645 645000
43rd Issue Cert†‡	5.35			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.75			25-1,000	1mth	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bond⁵ ⁶	6.65	5.32	3.99	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
9th Index Linked†‡	2.50			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S3 ⁶	7.00	5.60	4.20	500-50,000⁵	60day	0645 645000

*¹ first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 · Additional hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble ‡Guaranteed when held for 5 years ⁴0.2% net bonus for £20,000+ ⁵£100,000 jt in addition to S1 and S2 holdings ⁶Taxable but cred in full ⁷£500-100,000 earn higher rates **Tiered rates apply*

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)		Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Canada Lfe	Level	£10,166	£11,332	£12,912
Sun Lf of Can	Level	£10,255	£11,285	£12,693
Generali	Level	£10,248	£11,274	£12,612
Standard Lf	Level	£10,136	£11,204	£12,584
Equitable Lf	Level	£10,277	£11,187	£12,381

SINGLE LIFE		Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Sun Lf of Can	Level	£9,526	£10,252	£11,330
Prudential	Level	£9,504	£10,248	£11,340
Generali	Level	£9,357	£10,200	£11,369
Canada Lf	Level	£9,340	£10,176	£11,403
Stalwart*	Level	£9,192	£10,085	£10,952

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)		Male: Age 60 Female: Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
Stalwart*	Level	£9,253	£10,008	£10,840
Sun Lf of Can	Level	£9,159	£9,720	£10,526
Prudential	Level	£9,076	£9,660	£10,483
Generali li	Level	£9,043	£9,658	£10,509
Canada Lf	Level	£8,927	£9,583	£10,514

* Maximum purchase £100,000. Higher rates for smokers.
Source: Annuity Direct (0171 [illegible])

Compiled by: Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME

Rates as at October 3, 1996

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	4.85
	10,000	AIG Life	4.95
	20,000	AIG Life	5.05
	50,000	*AIG Life*	*5.10*
2 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	4.45
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	5.70
	20,000	AIG Life	5.75
	50,000	AIG Life	5.85
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.00
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	6.10
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.35
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	6.35
5 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.65
	3,000	ITT Lon & Edin	6.90

Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed.

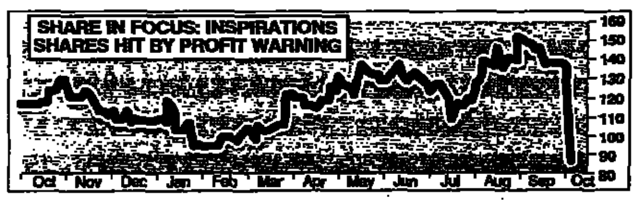
Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	102.51	9.137	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	123.03	9.449	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	138.60	9.379	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	143.08	9.348	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	138.01	9.419	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	130.29	9.262	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	121.76	9.650	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	96.24	9.092	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	128.76	9.082	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	148.27	9.189	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	143.91	9.294	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	119.17	9.003	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	139.42	9.056	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	139.81	9.030	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	138.58	9.291	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (28/09-27/03)	8.41563%	107.63	100.00	1,000
First Nat(20/09-20/03)	8.48750%	101.63	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source: ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Alliance & Leic 0181 742 0471	1.39	£200-300k	75	*Disc of 5.6% until 1.8.97*
Northern Rock 0800 591500	0.99	£100-150k	90	High equty disc 6% to 1.10.97
Bristol & West 0800 608088	1.95	£15k+	90	1.95% until 31.07.97.
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25 disc for 6 mths, 3% - 6 mth
Barclays Bank 0800 000929	*3.49*	*£15-500k*	*95*	*3.50% discount for 12 months*

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0800 590547	0.05	to £250k	70	Rate fixed for 12 months.
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.20	to £150k	70	Fixed for 1 yr.
Mansfield 01246 202055	0.39	£75-125k	90	6.35% disc-6mth 2%-6mth,1%-12mt
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25%dsc-6 mth 3% dsc-6 mth
Barclays 0800 000929	3.49	£15-500k	95	3.50% discount for 12 months

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 608088	*0.95*	£15k+	95	6.04% disc 6 mnth then 1% disc-6mth
Lambeth 0171 928 1331	3.74	£15k+	95	3.25% disc for 12 months.
Newbury 01635 43676	*4.24*	*£15-150k*	*95*	*2.50% discount for 12 months*
Banks				
Bankofireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25% disc 6 mths 3% disc 6 mths
TSB Bank 0500 758000	3.25	£15k+	95	3.74% disc for 12 months.

Larger lenders, larger loans and first-time buyers tables supplied by Bay's Guides Ltd. Further information: Bay's Guides, 01753 880482.

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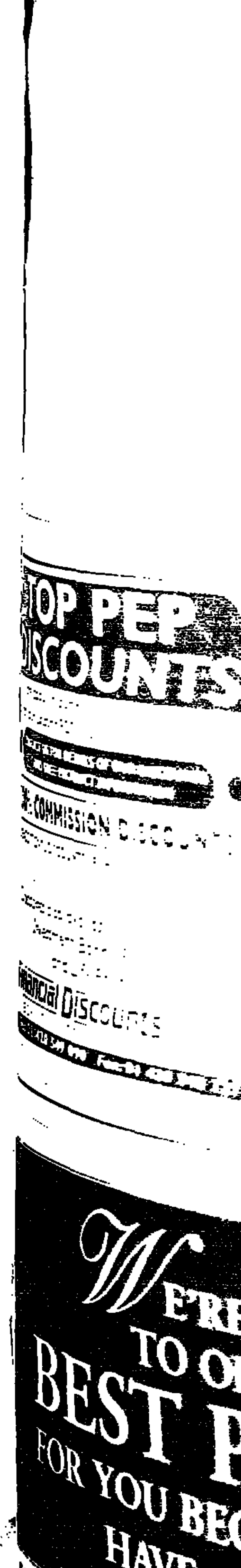
UK Equity	698.30	739.00	+ 1.00	...
Property	416.60	440.90	- 8.60	...
Fixed Interest	370.90	392.50	+ 3.20	...
Money	267.90	283.50	+ 0.20	...
International	436.90	462.40	+ 2.30	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	196.50	206.90	+ 0.50	...
Ethical S4	161.50	170.10	+ 0.10	...
International S4	224.60	236.50	+ 0.20	...
Protected Gth S4	123.30	129.80	...	0
Asian Pacific	207.30	218.30	- 1.40	...
European S4	215.60	227.00	+ 1.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	392.30	413.00	+ 0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	271.50	285.80	+ 0.90	...
Man Ser 4	786.60	828.10	+ 2.10	...
Conv Ser 4	351.80	370.40	+ 0.10	...
Money Ser 4	351.50	370.00	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	391.70	412.40	+ 3.80	...
American Ser 4	661.20	696.00	+ 4.80	...
High Inc Ser 4	810.00	852.70	+ 4.70	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	230.70	242.90	+ 1.50	...
Japan Ser 4	341.70	359.70	- 7.30	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1981.00	2085.30	+28.80	...
European Fd Acc	484.50	510.00	+ 4.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	565.20	594.90	+ 2.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	358.30	377.10	+ 0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	764.50	804.70	+ 2.70	...
Intl Fxd Int Acc	375.50	395.20	+ 0.60	...
Japan Fund	260.70	274.30	- 2.90	...
N American Acc	434.90	457.70	+ 2.00	...
Prop Fd Acc	470.70	495.40	+ 0.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1246.10	1311.60	+10.20	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	401.60	422.80	+ 0.30	...
Equity Acc	1733.10	1824.40	+ 9.90	...
Property Acc	639.10	672.80	+ 0.20	...
Far East Acc	338.60	356.50	- 1.50	...
Managed Capital	622.40	655.20	+ 3.00	...
-do- Acc	1317.90	1387.30	+ 6.90	...
Overseas Acc	1186.20	1248.70	+12.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	549.80	578.80	+ 5.00	...
Amer Equity Acc	1087.10	1144.40	+ 7.20	...
Amer Man Acc	456.60	480.70	+ 2.70	...
Amer Prop Acc	119.70	126.00	- 0.50	...
Distribution Bonds	25.20	26.60	+ 0.20	
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	177.00	186.30	+ 0.40	...
Balcd Ser 6	856.20	901.20	+ 1.90	...
Opportunity Ser 6	198.10	208.50	+ 0.90	...
Distribution Ser 6	103.90	109.30	+ 0.70	6.95
UK Equities Ser 6	1231.20	1296.00	+ 9.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1236.50	1301.50	+ 6.90	...
North Amer Ser 6	635.20	668.60	+ 5.60	...
Far East Ser 6	597.80	629.20	- 6.60	...
Europe Ser 6	481.40	506.70	+ 4.10	...
Intnl Ser 6	694.30	730.80	+ 1.00	...
Property Ser 6	597.20	628.60	+ 1.50	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	494.60	520.60	+ 1.60	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	199.50	210.00	+ 1.60	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	319.50	336.30	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	1055.90	1111.50	+ 8.20	...
-do- Initial	654.00	688.50	+ 5.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	436.00	459.00	+ 4.80	...
-do- Initial	272.40	286.80	+ 2.90	...
International Acc	468.50	493.20	- 0.90	...
-do- Initial	290.80	306.20	- 0.60	...
Managed Acc	629.60	662.80	+ 2.90	...
-do- Initial	392.30	413.00	+ 1.80	...
Money Acc	312.20	328.70	+ 0.20	...
Property Acc	314.10	330.70	+ 0.30	...
-do- Initial	194.60	204.90	...	...
America Acc	372.20	391.80	+ 1.80	...
Far East Gwth	251.30	264.60	- 0.60	...
Financial Acc	467.10	495.40	+ 2.90	...
500 Accum	531.50	559.50	- 0.70	...
Japan Acc	289.10	304.40	- 9.20	...
Income Acc	622.30	655.10	+ 3.10	...
Leisure Acc	328.60	345.90	+ 1.30	...
Special Sits Acc	318.30	335.10	+ 0.90	...
Univ Tech Acc	188.50	198.50	- 0.10	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	966.93	966.93	+ 9.53	...
Income Fund	926.64	954.36	+12.88	...
Extra Income	816.06	859.02	+ 8.63	...
Worldwide Gth	563.06	592.70	- 2.00	...
Balanced Fund	823.01	866.33	+13.67	...
Smllr Cos Recov	1050.20	[illegible]	- 6.90	...
N Amer & Genrl	467.48	492.09	+ 5.41	...
Pacific Basin	444.63	468.04	+ 2.16	...
German Growth	260.49	274.20	- 3.38	...
Japan Growth	182.45	192.06	- 3.06	...
The UK Gth Fd	265.77	279.76	+ 4.96	...
Contl Euro Gth	168.34	177.20	- 0.13	...
Property Fund	419.51	441.59	+ 0.41	...
Fixed Interest	364.42	383.60	+ 4.83	...
Cash Fund	303.61	319.59	+ 0.17	...
Managed Inv	578.27	608.71	+ 5.89	...
Nth Amer Recov	338.55	356.37	+ 1.25	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	545.22	573.92	+ 0.34	
BRITANNIA 50 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 6HR 0141 248 2000				
Measured Perf	202.10	213.90	- 1.10	...
Performance Plus	227.00	240.10	...	...
With Profit Perf	186.20	197.00	+ 0.20	...
UK Opportunity	243.70	257.80	+ 2.20	...
Euro Opportunity	276.20	292.20	+ 2.50	...
North Amer Opp	236.90	250.60	+ 3.80	...
Far East Opp	213.30	225.70	- 4.70	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	171.80	180.90	- 4.00	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	207.80	219.80	- 1.40	...
Fixed Int	228.70	241.90	+ 2.10	...
Cash	169.90	179.70	+ 0.20	6.49
Overseas	261.60	276.80	+ 0.10	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	423.40	445.70	+ 2.20	...
UK Equity	737.10	775.90	+ 6.40	...
Property	286.80	301.90	+ 2.00	...
Money Market	269.20	283.40	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	332.20	349.70	+ 3.10	...
Japan	354.10	372.80	- 8.70	...
North America	210.80	221.90	+ 3.40	...
International	404.20	425.50	+ 0.10	...
European	353.20	371.80	+ 3.20	...
Far East	158.90	166.30	- 3.50	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth ‡	282.80	...	...	...
Managed	398.10	419.10	+ 2.40	...
Property	258.60	272.30	+ 3.40	...
Gth & Fxd Int	271.10	285.40	+ 2.90	...
Equity	467.40	492.00	+ 3.40	...
Cash	229.60	241.70	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	461.20	485.50	+ 4.60	...
CLife Intl Fd	407.00	428.50	+ 0.90	...
Managed Fund	857.50	902.60	+ 6.60	...
Property Fund	550.90	579.90	- 1.20	...
Equity Fund	1147.40	1207.80	+13.90	...
Gilt Edged Fd	690.60	726.90	+ 6.80	...
Deposit Fund	356.90	375.70	...	...
Investment Fd	510.10	535.60	+ 6.20	...
International	636.60	670.10	+ 1.10	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Scatry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	169.40	178.40	+ 0.70	...
Managed Fund	753.60	793.30	+10.40	...
Equity Fund	445.40	468.90	+ 6.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	341.40	359.40	+ 0.10	...
Ruby	203.60	214.40	- 0.80	...
Emerald	158.50	166.90	+ 0.70	...
Equity	400.00	421.10	+ 0.70	...
Property	238.00	250.60	+ 0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	228.80	240.90	+ 1.60	...
Indexed Secs	184.00	193.70	+ 1.30	...
Cash	201.80	212.50	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	301.80	317.70	+ 2.00	...
Far East	348.80	367.20	- 4.00	...
International	281.20	296.10	- 1.30	...
Special Sits	445.20	468.70	+ 2.00	...
Intl Income	353.10	371.70	+ 2.10	...
European	404.40	425.70	+ 1.60	...
Japanese	137.70	145.00	- 3.00	...
SE Asia	404.60	426.00	- 3.20	...
With Profits Reg	184.50	194.30	+ 0.30	...
-do- Spec	184.50	194.30	+ 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	401.00	422.20	+ 1.00	...
Equity	497.40	523.60	+ 2.80	...
Property	220.80	232.50	+ 0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	299.90	311.50	+ 3.00	...
Index Linked	197.30	207.70	+ 1.70	...
Cash	276.20	290.80	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	378.00	397.90	+ 3.10	...
Far East Acc	334.80	352.50	- 4.80	...
International Acc	358.00	376.90	- 0.80	...
Special Sits	671.60	707.00	+ 2.80	...
European Flex	587.60	618.60	+ 3.00	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP *Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime,* Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Units): Key I	227.59	...	-15.06	...
-do- Pacemaker ‡	363.58	...	...	...
-do- Cash	216.21	227.59	+ 0.15	...
-do- Equity	654.72	689.18	+ 1.09	...
-do- Fxd Int	402.57	423.76	+ 4.11	...
-do- Managed	468.89	493.57	+ 1.36	...
-do- Property	333.73	351.29	+ 2.41	...
(Pens): Cash Cap	214.46	225.75	+ 0.06	...
-do- Cash Inv	334.77	352.40	+ 0.33	...
-do- Equity Cap	£17.25	£18.16	+ 8.15	...
-do- Equity Inv	£26.93	£28.35	+14.62	...
-do- Fixed Cap	435.59	458.53	+ 5.37	...
-do- Fixed Inv	679.96	715.76	+ 8.85	...
-do- Index Cap	211.79	222.95	+ 1.79	...
-do- Index Inv	330.61	348.02	+ 3.02	...
-do- Mngd Cap	685.86	721.97	+ 3.78	...
-do- Mngd Inv	£10.70	£11.27	+ 6.65	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5) ‡	923.20	...	-14.66	...
Var Ann (5) ‡	109.01	...	+ 1.19	...
Prime: Managed	478.30	503.50	+ 4.10	...
Prime: UK Equity	605.30	637.40	+ 7.80	...
Prime: Int Equity	339.90	357.80	+ 1.50	...
Prime: Property	249.90	263.10	+ 0.20	...
Prime: Fxd Int	261.50	275.30	+ 2.00	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	185.00	194.80	+ 0.80	...
Prime: Cash	219.90	231.50	+ 0.20	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1295.40	1363.50	+16.40	
Equity II	1909.10	2009.50	+19.20	...
For Crown see Windsor				
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE *Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, GL53 7LQ.* 01242 221311				
Life Funds				
Ut With Pfts (5/6) ‡	108.60	...	+ 0.20	...
Secure (2) ‡	105.40	...	...	...
Managed (3) ‡	115.40	...	+ 0.80	...
Equity Mngd (3) ‡	115.40	...	+ 0.80	...
Adventurous (3) ‡	109.10	...	+ 0.20	...
Bristol & West (2) ‡	106.40	...	+ 0.10	...
Equity Mgd S1	285.90	301.00	+ 2.10	...
Managed S1	284.90	299.90	+ 2.10	...
Adventurous S1	229.70	241.80	+ 0.40	...
Managed (2)	190.70	200.80	+ 1.40	...
Pension Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5) ‡	107.00	...	+ 0.20	...
Secure (2) ‡	104.80	...	+ 0.10	...
Managed (2) ‡	112.00	...	+ 1.10	...
Equity Mngd (2) ‡	113.10	...	+ 1.00	...
Adventurous (2) ‡	106.70	...	+ 0.20	...
Bristol & West (2) ‡	108.70	...	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	356.20	369.10	+ 4.80	0.01
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	369.70	389.20	+ 2.00	...
UK Equity	507.30	534.00	+ 4.30	...
Stewardship	447.20	470.80	+ 3.20	...
Overseas Equity	342.20	360.30	+ 0.10	...
North American	200.00	210.60	+ 1.60	...
Pacific Basin	182.30	191.90	- 1.00	...
European	305.50	321.60	+ 1.80	...
Property	184.10	193.80	- 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	269.60	283.80	+ 2.30	...
Index Linked	184.30	194.10	+ 1.60	...
Cash	215.50	226.90	+ 0.20	...
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	606.00	637.80	+ 8.70	...
Managed	824.10	867.40	+ 4.70	...
Deposit	367.70	387.00	+ 0.30	...
Property	519.80	547.10	+ 7.40	...
American	545.70	574.40	+ 4.30	...
Australian	648.50	682.60	+ 2.50	...
European	739.60	778.50	+ 3.80	...
Income Acc	899.80	947.10	+ 4.00	...
-do- Dist	502.40	528.90	+ 2.80	5.07
International	364.10	383.20	- 0.10	...
Japan Smaller	452.10	475.80	- 4.50	...
Singapore & Mal	428.10	450.60	+ 2.40	...
Smaller Cos	507.50	534.20	+ 2.90	...
Tokyo Fund	647.90	682.00	-11.30	...
UK Equity	697.40	734.10	+ 4.70	...
CCM Vangd Mg	898.10	945.30	+ 9.70	...
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond *EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567*				
GT Plan Far East	336.60	354.40	- 0.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	564.30	594.10	- 1.40	...
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex *CM20 2EW. 01279 626262*				
Portfolio Acc	798.60	798.60	+ 2.80	...
-do- Inv A	798.50	840.60	+ 2.90	...
UK Equity	492.30	518.30	+ 4.10	...
Gilt Plus	226.20	238.20	+ 1.50	...
Managed	360.30	379.40	+ 1.40	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	248.40	261.30	+ 0.70	...
Unitised Profit	155.60	163.80	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	355.10	373.70	+ 1.50	...
Fixed Int	216.80	228.10	+ 2.40	...
Index-Linked	181.00	190.40	+ 2.70	...
Cash Deposit	186.20	195.90	+ 0.10	...
Property	180.50	189.90	- 3.40	...
International	196.80	207.10	- 0.10	...
American	212.60	223.60	+ 2.60	...
Japan	228.30	240.20	- 5.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	233.80	246.00	- 5.80	...
European	218.90	229.90	+ 1.10	...
Pacific Fund	315.20	331.70	+ 1.80	...
Conv Life	152.20	160.10	+ 1.20	...
Formerly Provident Mutual				
Managed Ord	566.50	596.30	+ 1.60	...
Managed Initial	359.90	378.80	+ 0.70	...
Equity Ord	896.90	944.10	+ 3.70	...
Equity Init	569.80	599.80	+ 2.00	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	220.50	232.10	+ 3.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	146.30	154.00	+ 2.00	...
Oseas Equity Ord	441.30	464.50	- 0.20	...
Oseas Equity Init	280.40	295.20	- 0.30	...
Property Ord	280.10	294.80	- 1.80	...
Property Init	178.00	187.40	- 1.20	...
Fixed Int Ord	316.70	333.40	+ 3.60	...
Fixed Int Init	201.20	211.80	+ 2.00	...
Deposit Ord	221.80	233.50	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Initial	140.90	148.30	...	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE *Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101*				
Ass Prop Bds	863	908.90	- 4.70	...
Managed Initial	542.40	571	+ 2.30	...
-do- Acc	806	848.40	+ 3.80	...
Equity Initial	854.40	899.30	+ 6.20	...
-do- Acc	1269.50	1336.40	+ 9.90	...
Fixed Int Initial	469.80	494.50	+ 3.70	...
-do- Acc	698.10	734.90	+ 5.90	...
Intl Initial	517.90	545.20	- 0.70	...
-do- Acc	769.60	810.10	- 0.70	...
Nth Amer Initial	247.40	260.40	+ 2.50	...
-do- Acc	334.60	352.20	+ 3.60	...
Pacific Initial	236.70	249.20	- 3.10	...
-do- Acc	317.10	333.80	- 4.10	...
Property Initial	182	191.50	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	270.30	284.60	+ 1.80	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	168.70	177.50	+ 1.80	...
-do- Acc	228.10	240.10	+ 2.60	...
Deposit Initial	204.40	215.20	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	303.70	319.70	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	125.50	132.10	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	156.80	165.10	+ 0.60	...
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 285, York YO1 1YB 01904 611110				
Life Funds				
Foundation	30.32	31.92	+ 0.25	...
Balanced	30.43	32.03	+ 0.17	...
Opportunity	31.48	33.14	+ 0.25	...
Deposit	25.33	26.66	+ 0.02	...
Pension Funds				
Foundation	31.76	33.43	+ 0.36	...
Balanced	31.42	33.07	+ 0.19	...
Opportunity	32.73	34.45	+ 0.30	...
Deposit	25.93	27.29	+ 0.03	...
HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840000				
Managed	200.30	212.80	+ 1.60	...
-do- Pens	258.40	271.90	+ 2.40	...
UK Equity	214.60	225.80	+ 1.60	...
-do- Pens	256.80	270.30	+ 2.10	...
International	173.70	182.80	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	193.50	203.60	+ 0.10	...
Deposit	148.80	156.60	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	180.20	189.60	+ 0.10	...
For Henderson see Scot Prov				
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	686.40	726.40	+ 3.80	...
British Fund	681.20	720.90	+ 8.70	...
International	644.90	682.50	+ 1.40	...
Dollar Fund	554.80	587.10	+ 5.30	...
Capital Fund	590.70	625.10	+ 3.00	...
Income Fund	838.90	887.80	+ 6.80	...
Property Series A	495.80	524.70	+ 2.20	4.90
Property Units	823.20	864.40	+ 3.70	...
Financial Fund	760.80	805.10	+ 7.20	...
Managed Ser A	653.00	691.10	+ 2.60	...
Managed Units	1177.60	1239.60	+ 5.60	...
High Yield Fund	750.60	794.30	+ 4.80	...
Money Series A	310.50	328.60	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	414.30	436.20	+ 0.40	...
Equity Fund	755.30	799.30	+ 4.00	...
Fixed Interest	416.40	440.70	+ 4.80	...
Indexed Secs	204.10	216.00	+ 1.50	...
European Fund	907.40	960.30	+ 6.40	...
Natural Res	337.80	357.50	- 0.30	...
Far East Fund	674.20	713.50	- 5.20	...
Smaller Cos	661.30	699.80	+ 2.80	...
Special Sits	635.30	672.30	+ 7.30	...
Man Currency	286.70	303.40	- 0.50	...
Japanese Tech	312.70	330.90	- 4.40	...
US Smaller Cos	462.20	489.20	+ 3.20	...
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	266.20	280.30	+ 0.60	...
Financial Ser 1	61.90	66.10	- 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	366.40	385.80	+ 2.20	...
Gold	91.80	96.70	- 2.00	...
Managed	727.00	765.40	-10.60	...
Mngd Growth	233.90	246.30	- 6.60	...
Mngd Opp	248.20	261.40	- 7.70	...
Property	363.90	383.10	+42.30	...
Residential Prop	112.00	118.00	- 3.60	...
TSB American	297.10	312.80	+ 4.80	...
TSB Brit Gwth	1085.90	1143.10	+11.30	...
TSB European	330.20	347.70	+ 1.80	...
TSB Income	465.30	489.90	+ 6.30	...
TSB Intl	495.80	522.00	- 0.30	...
TSB Intl Inc	334.00	351.70	+ 2.70	...
TSB Pacific	436.90	459.60	+ 2.10	...
TSB Prem Inc	289.60	302.60	+ 5.60	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, *Herts AL1 3TF. 01727 48181*				
Global Managed	684.00	720.00	+ 7.40	...
Global Property	321.10	338.00	+ 1.10	...
Global Fixed Int	578.80	609.30	+ 8.90	...
Global Equity	747.00	786.30	+ 7.70	...
Global Cash	229.50	241.60	+ 0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 01452 371371				
Property	537.00	565.20	+ 3.60	...
Managed	489.70	515.40	+ 1.30	...
American	534.20	562.30	+ 1.20	...
UK Equity Fd	551.00	579.90	+ 3.00	...
Japan	205.70	216.50	- 5.10	...
Index-Lkd	200.10	210.60	+ 1.50	...
High Yield	1011	1064	+ 5.00	...
Money	432.00	454.70	+ 0.30	...
International	445.90	469.30	- 2.50	...
Henderson Active	239.90	252.50	+ 0.60	...
Perpetual Active	379.80	399.70	+ 0.20	...
Growth Acc	764.40	804.60	+ 2.10	...
Gilt Edged	477.70	502.80	+ 5.70	...
European	173.20	182.30	+ 0.60	...
Far East	229.10	241.10	- 1.60	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	196.90	207.30	- 0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	171.30	180.40	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	224.70	236.60	- 0.10	...
Cash Initial	170.30	179.30	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	309.70	326.00	...	...
Equity Initial	779.80	820.90	+ 3.50	...
-do- Acc	1418.30	1493.00	+ 9.90	...
Fixed Initial	370.00	389.50	+ 1.70	...
-do- Acc	673.00	708.50	+ 4.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	138.40	145.70	+ 0.60	...
-do- Acc	214.80	226.20	+ 1.60	...
Intl Initial	353.50	372.20	- 1.90	...
-do- Acc	633.10	666.50	- 1.00	...
Managed Initial	537.90	566.30	+ 0.80	...
-do- Acc	978.30	1029.80	+ 3.90	...
Property Initial	223.50	235.20	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	406.50	427.90	+ 0.70	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL The Quays, 101-105 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1LZ 01895 200 200				
Equity Units	16041	...	+145.00	...
Property Units	2797	2944	- 9.00	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	7801	8211	-36.00	...
2nd Equity Acc	758.80	798.70	+ 7.10	...
2nd High Inc Ac	727.20	765.50	+ 5.80	...
2nd Property Acc	252.10	265.40	- 0.80	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	200.00	210.50	+ 0.80	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	543.20	571.80	+ 2.40	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	268.20	282.40	+ 0.90	...
2nd Deposit Acc	304.20	320.20	+ 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	339.60	357.40	+ 3.00	...
2nd Amer Acc	897.00	944.20	+ 2.50	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	263.80	277.60	- 2.00	...
2nd Index Acc	224.00	235.80	+ 1.70	...
2nd Far East Acc	464.00	488.50	- 6.20	...
2nd Global Acc	197.50	207.90	- 0.80	...
2nd Euro Acc	185.00	194.70	+ 1.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	182.50	192.10	- 4.30	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	177.00	186.30	+ 0.10	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	148.90	156.70	+ 1.20	...
LONDON LIFE *100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA* 0117 984 7777				
Equity ‡	£10.68	...	+11.20	...
Fixed Interest ‡	490.70	...	+ 8.60	...
Property ‡	447.10	...	+ 1.10	...
Deposit ‡	315.80	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed ‡	698.40	...	+ 6.60	...
Indexed Stock ‡	239.20	...	+ 3.90	...
International ‡	339.10	...	+ 2.70	...
Equity A ‡	247.40	...	+ 2.60	...
Fixed Int A ‡	217.20	...	+ 3.90	...
Property A ‡	196.10	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit A ‡	185.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed A ‡	229.00	...	+ 2.30	...
Index Stock A ‡	186.90	...	- 3.10	...
International A ‡	211.40	...	+ 1.70	...
Equity P ‡	914.80	...	+10.70	...
Fixed Int P ‡	663.10	...	+12.40	...
Property P ‡	353.20	...	...	...
Deposit P ‡	378.20	...	+ 0.40	...
Mixed P ‡	687.10	...	+ 6.30	...
Index Stock P ‡	273.60	...	+ 3.80	...
International P ‡	402.50	...	+ 2.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap ‡	824.60	...	+ 5.80	...
-do- Acc ‡	1134.60	...	+11.50	...
Property Cap ‡	137.10	...	- 1.60	...
-do- Acc ‡	237.90	...	- 2.50	...
Fxd Interest Cap ‡	201.70	...	+ 1.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	352.80	...	+ 3.20	...
Equity Cap ‡	366.10	...	+ 3.50	...
-do- Acc ‡	651.40	...	+ 6.90	...
Internatl Cap ‡	249.90	...	+ 0.90	...
-do- Acc ‡	439.80	...	+ 1.90	...
Gtd Deposit Cap ‡	161.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc ‡	279.90	...	+ 0.10	7.20
Flexible Cap ‡	377.90	...	+ 2.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	668.90	...	+ 5.20	...
Moneymaker Fd ‡	515.70	...	+ 4.30	...
Capital Growth ‡	2136.30	...	+20.80	...
M & G *Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB* 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	555.00	582.80	+ 5.70	...
Amer Rec Bond	614.10	644.90	+10.30	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	316.60	332.50	+ 4.90	...
Australasia Bd	303.00	318.20	+ 2.90	...
Commodity Bond	399.20	419.30	- 3.00	...
Deposit Bond Acc	387.40	406.80	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1763.50	1851.70	+ 5.70	...
European Bd Acc	487.60	512.10	- 3.80	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	872.20	915.90	-12.70	...
Gilt Bond Acc	490.60	515.20	+ 3.00	...
Gold Bond Acc	196.00	205.90	- 0.10	...
High Yield Bond	365.60	384.00	+ 1.20	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	225.50	236.80	+ 0.40	...
International Bd	886.30	930.70	- 0.10	...
Japan Bond Acc	238.70	250.80	- 6.80	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	237.80	249.80	- 2.60	...
Managed Bonds	1016.60	1067.50	+ 3.90	...
Prop Bond Acc	442.30	464.50	+19.00	...
Rec Bond Acc	908.00	951.50	+ 0.60	...
S East Asia Bd Acc	342.30	359.50	- 3.00	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	272.10	286.50	+ 3.60	...
UK Equity Acc	409.20	430.80	+ 5.60	...
Special Sits	113.00	119.00	+ 1.30	...
Special Sits Acc	170.00	179.00	+ 2.10	...
North American	231.10	243.30	+ 1.90	...
N American Acc	347.70	366.00	+ 3.00	...
Pacific Basin	364.70	383.90	- 4.30	...
Pacific Basin Acc	548.60	577.50	- 5.90	...
Fixed Interest	300.80	316.70	+ 2.20	...
Fixed Interest Acc	453.00	476.90	+ 3.60	...
Property	179.90	189.40	- 0.10	...
Property Acc	270.90	285.20	...	...
Deposit	154.30	162.50	...	...
Deposit Acc	232.40	244.70	+ 0.10	...
Managed	299.20	315.00	+ 2.10	...
Managed Acc	414.70	436.60	+ 3.10	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead *Bristol BS1 2NH* 0117 9266 366				
Property	420.80	442.90	+ 0.40	...
UK Equity	432.00	454.70	+13.00	...
Gilt Edged	650.80	685.00	+11.60	...
Interest Fund	425.50	447.80	+ 0.30	...
Managed Fd	564.80	594.50	+ 7.10	...
Intl Equity	700.80	737.60	+ 5.50	...
North American	266.90	280.90	+ 0.70	...
Far East	473.90	498.80	- 1.40	...
Intl Currency	259.30	272.90	+ 0.40	...
NPI *48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH.* 0171 623 4200				
Managed	586.10	617.00	+ 2.10	...
UK Equity	780.80	821.80	+ 5.20	...
Overseas Equity	558.60	588.00	- 0.40	...
American	523.60	551.10	+ 3.50	...
Far East	621.40	654.10	- 6.20	...
Property	227.10	239.00	+ 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	437.50	460.60	+ 2.20	...
Indexed Gilt	251.80	265.00	+ 1.30	...
Deposit	233.00	245.20	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds *PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PF* 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	1750.30	1842.40	+ 8.40	...
Equity Fund	3966.80	4175.60	+28.40	...
Property Fd	638.80	672.40	+ 2.70	...
Fixed Int Fd	680.70	716.50	+ 5.70	...
Deposit Fund	377.90	397.80	+ 0.30	...
Intl Fund	291.30	306.60	+ 0.30	...
OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	354.40	373.90	+ 2.20	...
Fxd Interest Acc	272.50	287.50	+ 5.10	...
International Acc	280.40	295.80	+ 0.60	...
Managed Acc	251.90	265.80	+ 1.20	...
Property Acc	214.10	225.90	- 0.10	...
Money Acc	165.30	174.40	+ 0.30	...
Spec Mkt Acc	238.00	251.10	- 2.90	...
Japan Equity Acc	124.10	131.00	- 2.40	...
N Amer Acc	196.50	207.30	+ 2.70	...
Pacific Acc	162.80	171.80	- 1.90	...
European Acc	245.50	259.00	+ 1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	148.60	156.50	+ 0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	333.20	350.80	+ 0.20	...
Inv Equity	1470.80	1548.30	+ 7.00	...
Inv Managed	1005.20	1058.20	+ 3.70	...
Ret Managed	1178.20	1240.30	+ 5.70	...
For Provident Mutual see General Accident				
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	419.10	436.60	+ 3.90	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	967.80	1018.80	+ 2.20	...
Equity Fund	1914.70	2015.50	+10.70	...
Intl Fund	758.10	798.10	- 2.60	...
Fixed Interest	637.90	671.50	+ 5.40	...
Property Fund	494.20	520.30	+ 2.40	...
Cash Fund	391.70	412.40	+ 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	403.00	424.30	- 5.80	...
N American Fd	362.80	381.90	+ 3.40	...
Euro Fund	347.70	366.10	+ 0.50	...
Balanced Fund	189.80	199.80	+ 0.60	...
Strategic Fund	204.70	215.50	+ 0.70	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45) ‡	488.20	...	...	...
-do- Acc	497.60	523.80	...	...
Op Prop	515.50	542.60	- 0.10	...
Op Equity	1227.80	1292.40	+15.10	...
Op High Yield	669.10	704.30	+ 7.10	...
Op Managed	963.30	1013.90	+ 6.20	...
Op Deposit	420.20	442.30	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smlr	246.40	259.30	- 2.80	...
Managed Gth	340.90	358.80	+ 1.20	...
Gilt	90.20	94.90	...	...
British	474.10	499.00	+14.70	...
Global Bond	129.30	136.00	+ 2.30	...
Gold Share	89.70	94.40	- 0.10	...
Option Dist	335.10	352.70	...	...
Japan	409.10	430.60	- 3.20	...
UK Smlr Cos	509.60	536.40	...	...
Mngd Growth	581.30	611.80	+ 9.00	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 0151 239 3000				
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	461.80	486.00	+ 1.90	...
Equity Fund	664.80	699.70	+ 7.00	...
Property Fund	355.30	373.90	- 0.30	...
International	569.00	598.90	- 1.00	...
Pacific Basin	295.90	311.40	- 1.90	...
United States	362.30	381.30	+ 2.80	...
Gilt Fund	420.00	442.10	+ 5.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER *16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex* RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	88.90	94.10	+ 0.40	2.34
Deposit Fund (2)	405.40	429.10	+ 0.40	6.01
Gilt Fund	589.30	623.60	+ 5.40	8.49
Global Equity Fd	281.50	297.90	- 0.50	...
Property Fund (48)	120.10	127.10	+ 0.20	7.09
AG Bond Fund	161.50	170.90	- 0.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	736.20	775.00	+ 7.00	...
Fixed Interest	413.00	434.80	+ 2.50	...
Index-Linked	214.40	225.70	+ 2.70	...
International	526.30	554.00	+ 0.80	...
Property	314.50	331.10	+ 0.40	...
Cash	247.00	260.10	+ 0.20	...
Managed	557.10	586.50	+ 3.80	...
Cap Gteed Bd	143.60	151.20	+ 2.10	...
95% Safeguard ‡		...	...	...
100% Safeguard ‡		...	...	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	194.977	205.239	+ 0.14	...
Index-Linked	182.80	192.40	+ 1.70	...
Fixed Interest	205.40	216.30	+ 2.60	...
Mixed	310.70	327.10	+ 0.90	...
UK Equity	301.10	316.90	+ 2.10	...
International	304.40	320.50	- 1.70	...
American	354.90	373.50	+ 1.90	...
Japan	227.10	239.10	- 5.60	...
European	332.30	349.80	+ 0.90	...
Pacific	386.70	407.10	- 2.80	...
Technology	533.00	561.10	- 1.80	...
Frgn Bd/Crrcy	249.40	262.70	- 0.40	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS *19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE* 0131 225 7211				
Property	228.00	240.10	+ 0.80	...
UK Equity	448.30	472.00	+ 0.20	...
American	331.40	348.90	+ 5.40	...
Pacific	375.40	395.20	- 4.30	...
European	601.10	632.90	+ 5.20	...
Global Mgd	373.10	392.80	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	269.10	283.40	+ 5.00	...
Index Linked	217.00	228.50	+ 2.50	...
Deposit	209.80	220.90	+ 0.20	...
Managed	346.80	365.20	+ 3.30	...
Worldwide	140.30	147.80	- 0.50	...
Pen Worldwide	152.40	160.50	- 0.60	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	2043.70	2106.90	...	...
Safety Fund	270.70	285.00	+ 2.60	...
Growth Fund	280.80	295.60	+ 0.90	...
Opportunity Fd	280.90	295.70	+ 1.70	...
Cash Fund	186.60	196.50	+ 0.10	...
European Fund	432.00	454.80	+ 1.60	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	229.20	241.30	+ 2.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	197.80	208.10	+ 1.40	...
International Fd	326.40	343.60	- 2.40	...
North American	304.20	320.30	+ 0.80	...
Property Fund	132.00	139.00	+ 1.30	...
UK Equity	307.70	323.90	+ 3.10	...
UK Smaller	321.20	338.20	+ 0.80	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	332.00	349.60	+ 1.40	...
Equity	365.30	384.70	+ 2.90	...
International	306.50	322.70	- 1.10	...
Property	240.10	252.90	- 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	250.80	264.10	+ 2.40	...
Index Linked	198.60	209.10	+ 2.10	...
Cash	199.20	209.80	+ 0.20	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	976.90	1039.30	+ 1.00	...
Cash Fund	362.80	382.30	+ 0.20	...
Property Fund	311.70	328.50	+ 1.30	...
Equity Fund	1068.70	1137.00	- 1.20	...
Fxd Interest Fund	526.40	555.00	+ 3.90	...
International	435.40	463.20	- 1.30	...
High Income	898.10	955.50	+ 9.50	...
Far East	606.90	645.70	-10.80	...
North American	727.20	773.70	+ 8.20	...
Special Sits	873.20	929.00	+ 6.00	...
Technology	1057.70	1125.30	-13.00	...
Extra Income Fd	488.20	519.40	+ 4.40	...
Gilt Fund	532.40	566.40	+ 1.70	...
European	183.70	195.50	+ 1.10	...
Adventurous Mg	249.40	262.90	+ 0.50	...
Secure Mgd	173.10	182.50	+ 0.90	...
Equity Inc Dist	138.10	145.60	+ 1.50	4.08
Managed Dist	124.00	130.70	+ 0.90	4.74
Henderson Investment Bonds				
UK Equity Fd	408.90	435.00	+ 4.40	...
North America	467.40	497.30	+ 6.40	...
Far East Fund	618.80	658.30	+ 0.30	...
Global Managed	571.90	608.50	+ 4.90	...
Deposit Fund	244.80	257.70	+ 0.10	...
Prime Residential	138.30	145.60	...	...
European Fund	331.20	352.40	+ 2.80	...
Fixed Interest	65.90	70.10	+ 0.50	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1208.60	1208.60	+ 5.00	...
Inv Pol 2	1093.20	1150.90	+ 4.50	...
Inv Pol 3	1035.10	1089.70	+ 3.80	...
Inv Cash	339.80	357.80	+ 0.20	...
Mixed Fund	551.50	580.70	- 4.50	...
Equity Fund	687.70	724.00	+ 9.50	...
Property Fund	260.80	274.60	+ 1.60	...
International Fd	580.30	611.00	- 1.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	430.60	453.40	+ 7.10	...
Indexed Stock Fd	218.00	229.60	+ 1.80	...
Cash Fund	245.40	258.50	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE *Skandia House, Portland Terrace,* *Southampton SO9 7BX* 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	461.70	485.90	+10.00	...
Equity Acc	576.60	606.90	+ 6.30	...
International Acc	386.60	406.90	- 0.70	...
Property	235.30	247.60	+ 0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0131 225 2552				
Cash	288.40	303.60	+ 0.20	...
Equity	1267.70	1334.50	+11.70	...
European	202.90	213.60	+ 1.90	...
Far East	181.00	190.60	- 2.60	...
Fixed Interest	453.30	477.20	+ 3.70	...
Index Linked	231.90	244.20	+ 1.40	...
International	698.60	735.40	- 2.40	...
Managed	850.00	894.80	+ 4.10	...
Nth American	193.90	204.20	- 3.30	...
Property	389.30	408.80	+ 0.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	459.80	484.00	+ 0.50	...
Equity	1950.90	2053.60	+23.60	...
European	259.40	273.10	+ 3.00	...
Far East	145.80	153.50	- 2.90	...
Fixed Interest	647.90	682.10	+ 6.60	...
Index Linked	328.20	345.50	+ 2.40	...
International	1053.10	1108.60	- 0.40	...
Managed	1263.20	1329.70	+ 8.70	...
Nth American	260.00	273.70	+ 4.90	...
Property	550.60	579.60	+ 1.30	...
Stock Exchange	285.70	300.80	+ 1.80	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	822.30	865.60	+ 4.60	...
Equity Fund	1136.00	1195.80	+10.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	462.00	486.40	+ 3.50	...
Index-Linked Fd	352.80	371.10	+ 2.80	...
Property Fund	538.60	566.00	+ 0.30	...
International Fd	769.60	810.20	+ 1.70	...
N American Fd	394.10	414.90	+ 5.90	...
Far East Fund	259.00	272.70	- 0.90	...
Deposit Fund	321.90	338.90	+ 0.20	...
Intnl Bd ‡	£105.90	...	...	...
Worldwide Bond	175.90	185.20	+ 0.20	...
European	216.90	228.40	+ 0.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	828.40	872.10	+ 9.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	557.30	593.70	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund ‡	629.60	...	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc ‡	583.50	...	+ 0.20	...
Agricultural Fd ‡	891.80	...	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc ‡	852.00	...	+ 0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd ‡	471.60	...	+ 0.70	...
Abbey Nat Acc ‡	494.90	...	+ 0.30	...
Investment Fd ‡	440.70	...	+ 2.40	...
Investment (A) ‡	421.70	...	+ 2.30	...
Equity ‡	1667.70	...	+14.50	...
Equity Acc ‡	1589.90	...	+13.70	...
Money Fund ‡	517.70	...	+ 0.50	...
-do- Acc ‡	492.90	...	+ 0.40	...
Actuarial Fd ‡	725.40	...	+ 4.50	...
Gilt-Edged Fd ‡	434.80	...	+ 3.10	...
-do- Acc ‡	434.80	...	+ 3.10	...
Retire Annuity ‡	1342.00	...	+ 6.90	...
Immed Annuity ‡	301.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life ‡	244.40	...	+ 0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Acc ‡	1805.40	...	...	...
Managed Acc ‡	1007.90	...	- 0.90	...
Equity Account ‡	1492.70	...	- 7.20	...
Mngd Fund Acc	459.50	483.70	- 0.40	...
Equity Fund Acc	645.80	679.80	- 3.30	...
Prop Fund Acc	278.20	292.80	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	346.40	364.70	+ 2.30	...
Money Fund Acc	237.30	249.80	+ 0.20	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	222.00	233.70	+ 1.60	...
Pers Pens Acc ‡	2299.20	...	+15.70	...
Pens Mngd Acc	1061.30	1117.20	...	...
Pens Guarantee	290.70	306.00	...	...
Pens Equity	419.90	442.00	...	...
Pens Property	321.20	338.10	...	...
Pens Fixed Int	329.80	347.20	...	...
Pens Intl	290.20	305.50	...	...
Pens Money	259.90	273.60	...	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	213.90	225.10	...	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	1067.80	1124.10	+ 9.90	...
Property Acc	380.50	400.60	+ 6.20	...
Equity Acc	1814.50	1910.00	+23.80	
Fixed Int Acc	462.30	486.70	+ 5.30	
Cash Acc	335.40	353.10	+ 0.20	
Amer Equity Acc	504.70	531.30	+ 2.50	...
Japan Acc	288.90	304.20	- 4.20	...
Pacific Acc	405.10	426.50	+ 4.70	...
Far Eastern Acc	882.90	929.40	+ 2.50	...
International Acc	684.90	721.00	+ 2.40	...
Distribution Fund	298.70	314.50	+ 2.40	5.96
European	223.00	234.80	+ 1.30	...
Deffrd Dist	195.40	205.70	+ 2.60	
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE *01264 345678*				
Managed Fund	339.90	357.80	+ 1.20	...
Property Fund	234.50	246.90	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	251.00	264.30	+ 2.00	...
Money Fund	215.40	226.80	+ 0.20	
Equity Fund	449.50	473.20	+ 1.80	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	844.10	889.50	- 7.90	...
Money Fund	341.00	358.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	777.10	818.00	- 7.90	...
Fixed Interest	317.60	334.30	+ 4.90	
Property Fund	370.60	390.10	+ 1.30	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	776.20	817.90	+ 9.60	...
Income	908.30	957.10	+ 4.40	...
International Gth	745.80	785.90	- 0.30	...
Capital Fund	785.80	828.00	+ 6.00	...
Recovery Fund	661.30	696.80	+ 2.90	...
Japan & General	254.70	268.40	- 5.90	...
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	19.40	20.42	+ 0.01	...
Bear	23.17	24.39	+ 0.35	...
Owl	25.96	27.33	+ 0.47	...
Bull	21.79	22.94	+ 0.29	...
Stag	23.69	24.94	+ 0.34	...
Gilt Edged	21.10	22.21	+ 0.28	...
Deposit	16.83	17.72	+ 0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	27.07	28.49	+ 0.00	...
Bear	33.31	35.06	+ 0.60	...
Owl	36.92	38.86	+ 0.82	...
Bull	29.25	30.79	+ 0.48	...
Stag	31.63	33.29	+ 0.60	...
Gilt Edged	27.44	28.88	+ 0.44	...
Deposit	22.33	23.51	+ 0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	715.16	...	+ 9.06	
1982 Series				
UK Equity	432.58	455.35	+ 7.57	...
N Amer Equity	371.18	390.72	+ 3.54	
Far East Equity	424.89	447.25	- 0.52	
Fixed	335.35	353.00	+ 4.62	
Cash Deposit	220.06	231.64	+ 0.15	...
Property	158.29	166.62	+ 0.70	...
Special Opp	456.42	480.44	+ 6.54	...
Managed	376.52	396.34	+ 5.01	...
Index-Linked Fd	210.81	221.92	+ 4.09	...
Formerly Crown				
Life Mangd Acc	704.30	741.30	+ 3.40	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	421.30	443.40	+ 4.10	...
Life Equity Acc	1024.70	1074.30	+ 5.50	...
Life Money Acc	321.20	338.10	- 0.10	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	924.60	970.10	+ 4.50	...
Life Intl Acc	560.00	587.10	+ 0.10	...
Life High Inc Acc	950.60	998.00	+ 8.70	
Life Property Acc	251.50	266.80	+ 4.50	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1416.60	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	865.40	911.30	+12.50	...



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Time to end employee complacency over pensions

From Mr P. Sayers

Sir, Anne Ashworth (Weekend Money, September 28) refers to the catalyst of the Pensions Act in the move to money purchase provision. As the organisation which drew up the "beige, pink and rust poster" mentioned in the article, the complexities and cost of the new legislation are all too apparent to us.

However, whether or not employers change the way they provide pensions, the main problem is indeed one of employee complacency. With the State looking to cut back its expenditure and employers seriously questioning whether they wish to continue making open-ended promises, raising employees' awareness of the cost of an adequate pension and the need for greater personal responsibility will be vital if poverty in old age is to be avoided.

Ironically, switching to money purchase could stimulate this awareness. However, a big challenge awaits regulators, financial journalists and advisers.

The challenge is that of formulating simple processes through which the average employee can understand the implications of the investment risk being transferred from employer to employee through money purchase schemes.

Yours faithfully,
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Company schemes 'only generous to a minority'

From Mr B.G. Rees

Sir, Sara McConnell and Adam Jones's article on the "pensions scandal" (Weekend Money, September 21) is a fair statement of its origins and the slow progress of the industry-wide review of mis-sold pensions.

However, the article repeats the often misleading assertion that members had opted out of "generous company pension schemes".

Company pensions are invariably only generous to that minority of employees who are fortunate to become long-serving or the higher-paid.

The majority of members — those who leave for whatever reason before pensionable age or who are low-paid, receive far less generous treatment.

Frozen company pensions — expressed in transfer values — very rarely reflect the accrued value of pension contributions made by employees, let alone any made by employers, supposedly on their behalf.

Much of the value of such contributions instead of going to such employees has ended up in pension surpluses utilised by employers to boost company performance and, indirectly, enrich directors and shareholders.

Company pension administrators have shed a lot of crocodile tears over pensions mis-selling, as evidenced by some of the obstacles being put in the way of reinstatement.

Yours faithfully,
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Coming clean on currency charges

From Mr G. Edwards

Sir, Your correspondent last week ("Punitive Cost of Money Transfers", Weekend Money, September 28) gives the clearest explanation yet of why a single European currency will bring few benefits to travellers and business. His bankers have made nearly £60 from him for doing very little other than to use their computer links for a few micro fractions of a second.

With the huge profits to be made from cross-border travel and transactions ("never mind the currency, feel the distance"), banks are not going to give up this type of income. As the disappearance of commission charges for currency exchange is one of the central planks of the argument for monetary union, the banks are being less than honest with the public.

Their own employees in the exchange sector of their business might also wish to know their true plans.

Yours faithfully,
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Harrogate.

Australia offers transfer solution

From Mr B.D. Roden

Sir, Mr P. Ward's letter (Weekend Money, September 28) illustrates a tale many of us know well. Bankers in this country wring their hands over the need to make these charges, but they are unnecessary.

This past 12 months my daughter in Australia has been repaying a loan and has remitted amounts from £300 up to a recent payment of £1,400. She draws a cheque in pounds sterling on the State Bank of New South Wales, which has links with Citibank in London — the cost to her is A$6; the cost to me, nil.

It may be a little slower than electronic banking. The most recent cheque was dated September 24, 1996, it was sent airmail and reached me yesterday, September 28. Of course, it will be another three or four days before the electronics catch up and the money is credited to me but full marks to State Bank for their charges, and to the mail services for their delivery.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN RODEN,
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Wellingborough,
Northants.

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Don't forget Eurocheques

From Mr W. Pugh

Sir, I sympathise with your correspondent (Weekend Money, September 28) since I regularly transfer money to Germany. Living there for some time has made me very aware of the style of the German banking system in which Eurocheques play a big role alongside bank transfers.

The cheapest way to pay amounts to Germany is to send one or several Eurocheques — bearing in mind the limit of DM400 per cheque.

Companies and individuals all over mainland Europe are used to processing Eurocheques. There is also the added advantage of taking Eurocheques with you when travelling in Europe.

The typical cost for handling a DM400 Eurocheque is £3.95 — from my last statement. There is also a cost for the chequebook and an annual charge, but the total is well below the cost of a single transfer using traditional means. All British banks offer this service, although it is not publicised enough.

Yours faithfully,
WYN PUGH,
11 Loader Close,
King's Worthy,
Winchester, Hants.

Direct approach solves problems

From Mr V. Wales

Sir, There are two simple answers to Mr Mendoza's problem (Weekend Money letters, September 28).

The more useful is to move his bank account to First Direct. This bank will, at the cost of a locally charged phone call (less than the price of a stamp), pay his visa account by transfer four working days ahead of the due date.

First Direct will also pay telephone bills, utility charges and any other regular payments. All that is required is to notify the amounts and the dates. They have done this for me for a long time without a hitch.

Less radical and, to my mind, of help limited to this one problem is to arrange for the visa account to be dated later in the month. If they decline to do this, then change to another visa supplier who will. Most are willing to oblige.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN WALES,
Bay Trees,
Green Street,
Brockworth, Gloucester.

Currency overkill

From Ms M. Haskell

Sir, Instituting a single currency to reduce the punitive cost of cross border currency transfers (Weekend Money letters, September 28) seems like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. It must be within the expertise of the Brussels bureaucracy to lay down a scale of reasonable charges with fines for transgression. I'd have thought this would have been one of the first outcomes of the single market.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET HASKELL,
13 Park Vista,
London SE10.

Impartial inefficiency

From Mr L. Rose

Sir, Mr Shaun Coles asks in his letter of September 28 what would have happened if the Revenue's error had been made on his side, causing an underpayment.

I can reassure him the answer is very probably nothing. After 35 years in the Revenue (now retired), I can tell him that that department has always been completely impartial in its inefficiency.

Yours sincerely,
L ROSE,
1 Chatsworth Road,
High Lane,
Stockport,
Cheshire.

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Inland Revenue was too generous in calculating refund for AVC

From Mr Vic Sephton

Sir, Shaun Coles (Weekend Money Letters, September 28) may regret writing to you as the Inland Revenue have been over-generous to him.

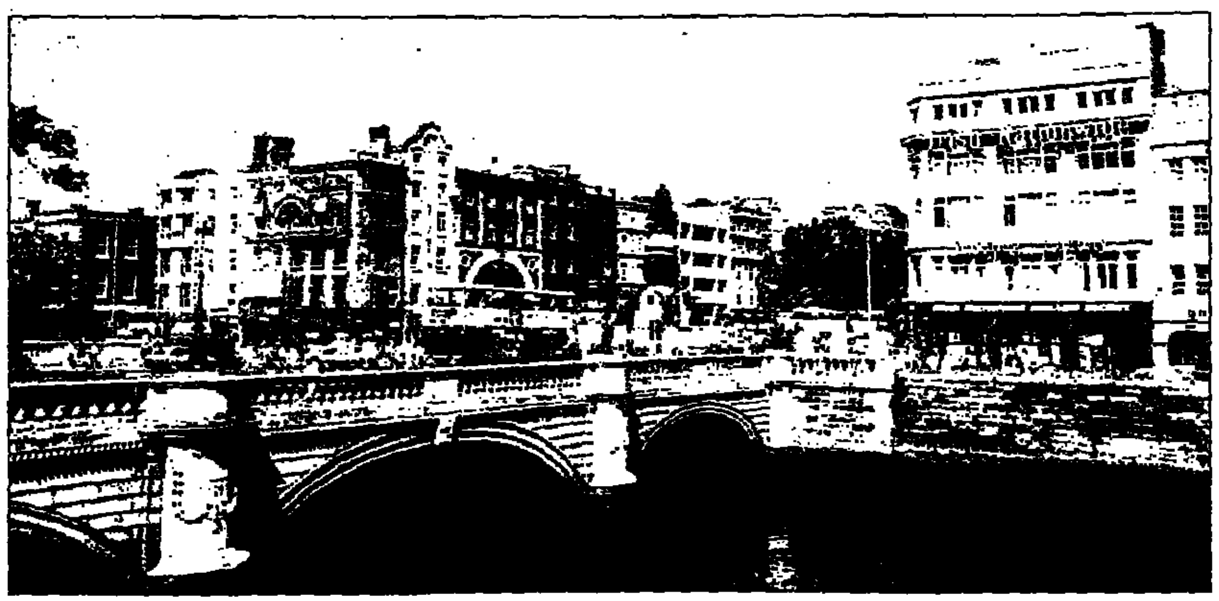
The original refund given to him on his additional voluntary contribution (AVC) was too low, but the later one is too high.

Mr Coles states that his £2,000 AVC was credited as a gross contribution, in which case he already has the benefit of the basic rate of tax of 25 per cent being reclaimed by his pension provider and added to his net contribution.

The additional tax relief he is due is the difference between the higher rate of tax of 40 per cent and the relief he has already been allowed of 25 per cent on the gross contribution of £2,000, i.e. £300.

As he has already received a refund of £130.40, the additional refund he should have received is £169.60, and not £500.

Yours faithfully,
VIC SEPHTON,
18 Nook Road,
Scholes,
Leeds.



Electioneering has moved offshore to Dublin where Sarah Jones says its roll-up will offer good returns

Offshore fund is capital idea

Electioneering has moved offshore. Murray Johnstone says that the claim that its Dublin-based roll-up fund will give better returns than the bank or building society is "one election promise that won't be broken".

Richard Eliott Lockhart, director of retail marketing at Murray Johnstone, says: "As we approach the election people are increasingly uncertain about how their investments will be treated by a new government. If you believe income and capital gains taxes will be increased, you might well wish to ringfence part of your assets through using an offshore roll-up fund."

The Murray Financials Bond Fund invests in short-term gilts, which are considered less risky in a period of fluctuating interest rates. The fund manager claims that this compares well with the popular corporate bond Peps which invest in more volatile medium and long-dated corporate bonds and may suffer capital losses if interest rates rise. But the main benefit of the offshore fund is that it allows you to defer tax liability. Income accumulates or rolls up gross along with capital gains, all of which is reflected in the share price. As there is no tax liability until shares are sold, investors build up assets untaxed and pay tax only when it suits them.

It is possible to take an income from the fund, by selling some shares in the fund. Tax here is also reduced because you only pay income tax on the difference between the buying and selling price of the shares. That works out at considerably less tax than you would have to pay on interest earned from a building society account.

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The only slight blip is that since the sale of shares is taxed as income (at the investor's marginal rate of tax) there is no opportunity to utilise capital gains allowances.

The current annual yield of the Murray Financials Bond is 5.82 per cent. There is a 2 per cent initial charge and annual management charges which add up to 1.05 per cent.

"It can be a neat trick if you want to invest in short-term bonds and are happy to roll-up offshore," says Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial adviser. "It suits someone who wants to accumulate capital offshore a few years before retiring to another tax haven like Jersey, or an investor who wants income within a balanced tax-efficient portfolio."

It may concern potential investors that the product is not regulated by UK law. Since the fund is registered in Dublin, if anything should go wrong investors would not be protected by UK regulations. However, Murray Johnstone has a good long-term record as an investment house.

SARAH JONES

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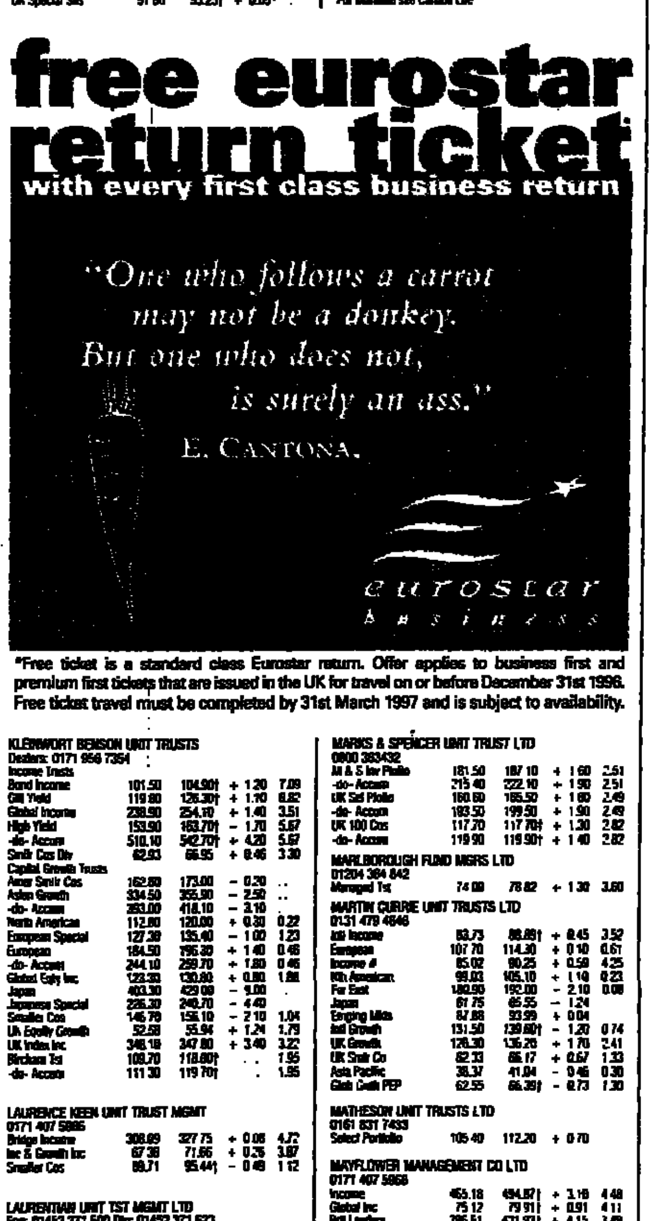
Groland Euro	271.90	287.80	+ 2.30	0.57
Groland Expt Bal	134.30	139.10	+ 1.00	2.55
Groland Gilt	76.04	78.55	+ 0.38	6.14
Groland Japan	167.40	177.10	- 3.70	.
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	683.20	726.90	+ 5.80	2.43
General Inc	570.20	606.70	+ 4.80	2.43
UK Growth Acc	467.70	497.60	+ 5.30	2.55
UK Growth Inc	307.00	326.70	+ 3.40	2.55
Higher Inc Acc	811.60	863.50	+ 6.90	4.00
Higher Inc Inc	442.80	471.10	+ 3.80	4.00
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	214.50	226.50	+ 1.40	5.77
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.90	99.18	+ 0.62	5.77
Nth America	389.50	414.40	+ 3.70	
Europe	364.80	388.10	+ 2.10	0.38
Brit Excell	92.37	98.27	+ 1.13	2.73
Brit Fedmlts Acc	116.40	123.90	+ 1.10	4.58
Brit Fedmlts Inc	77.84	82.81	+ 0.68	4.58
Global Opps	106.50	113.40	+ 0.30	0.01
Balanced Acc	64.38	68.49	+ 0.42	2.64
Balanced Inc	60.05	63.89	- 0.50	2.64
Japan Acc	45.57	48.48	- 0.68	
Pac Basin Acc	408.50	434.60	+ 1.40	0.98
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	132.70	140.30†	+ 1.60	6.96
High Inc Equity	182.60	195.30†	- 1.50	4.41
Worldwide Bond	284.70	302.00	- 0.30	4.87
American Growth	388.20	415.20	+ 4.50	0.30
Asian Pacific	325.40	348.00	- 3.00	0.04
Assets & Earnings	313.00	334.80	+ 0.50	2.69
Euro Capital Acc	189.50	202.70	+ 1.30	0.78
Extra Inc	43.85	46.44†	+ 0.08	7.72
General	286.90	305.20	+ 1.60	2.87
Global Opps	69.95	74.41	+ 0.01	0.54
Japan	115.60	123.60	- 3.40	
Managed Inc	48.47	51.56†	+ 0.17	4.65
Mastertrust	171.00	182.90	- 0.20	1.00
US Emerging Cos	220.30	234.40	- 4.10	
Ethical	82.45	87.71	+ 0.01	2.43
International	140.10	149.00	- 0.58	0.29
Dividend & Growth	68.43	72.80	+ 0.21	4.22
Global Gwth & Sec	71.42	78.48	- 0.02	2.33
Latin America	67.06	71.34	+ 1.30	
Capital Reserve	145.60	145.70	+ 0.10	4.80
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2365.00	2459.00	- 7.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	62.52	64.91†	+ 0.84	0.15
Emerging Mkts	74.43	78.51	+ 0.07	0.04
European	153.10	159.30	+ 1.90	
Exempt	1091.00	1150.00†	-25.00	1.62
Extra Income #	46.73	49.98†	+ 0.68	6.51
Far East Emrg Ecn	133.40	140.00	- 2.00	0.45
Fixed Interest #	25.62	26.65	- 0.07	8.91
Fund Inv Tst	153.00	160.50†	0.80	9.57
Japan	179.00	186.00	- 4.10	
Latin American	61.09	64.51	+ 0.95	0.75
Pacific	86.66	91.00	- 0.86	0.29
Property Share	71.94	75.52	+ 0.40	2.33
Uk Emerging Cos	71.26	77.03	- 0.65	1.25
UK Growth	54.22	57.15†	- 0.11	2.05
Aber World Port #	83.72	85.33	+ 0.40	3.38
Ethical	78.36	81.49	- 0.10	2.17
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.90	51.04†	+ 0.33	7.26
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property #	98.12	105.60	+ 0.20	5.30
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	91.94	97.55†	+ 0.40	2.25
Income Builder Inc	81.92	87.15	+ 0.13	4.21
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	289.90	309.90†	+ 5.10	3.00
Capital	508.90	544.00†	- 0.10	1.16
Balanced	848.50	907.00	+14.00	2.30
Accumulator	1631.00	1743.00†	+27.00	1.79
Income Trusts				
American Income	62.72	66.680	+ 0.94	2.39
High Income	463.50	495.40†	- 6.70	3.92
Equity Income	364.40	382.60	+ 3.90	3.95
High Yield	286.80	306.50	+ 4.50	3.92
Govt Securities	35.17	37.120	+ 0.58	5.88
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	218.60	233.30†	+ 3.90	0.05
European Growth	54.95	58.570	+ 1.34	0.07
International	190.80	203.90	- 0.30	0.11
Japan	200.50	214.30	- 4.30	
Pacific	416.10	444.80	- 7.70	
Secs of America	605.50	644.90	+ 6.80	0.12
Wldde Asset Val	57.06	60.990	- 0.30	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	654.50	699.60	+10.80	1.95
Conv & Gilt	50.52	54.000	+ 0.85	3.92
Smaller Cos	210.80	225.30	- 0.40	1.01
2nd Smaller Cos	199.70	213.40†	- 0.90	0.87
Recovery	172.90	184.80†	+ 1.90	1.53
Met Min & Cdty	167.90	179.10	+ 2.30	0.17
Oseas Earnings	434.10	464.00	+ 6.80	1.05
Technology	233.30	249.30	- 1.00	
Uk Special Sits	588.90	627.30†	+ 5.80	1.00
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	120.20	124.80	+ 0.10	3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	71.09	73.85	- 0.08	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	86.64	92.17	+ 2.00	1.28
International	70.96	75.49	+ 0.95	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	353.50	377.40†	+ 4.50	
Bond	118.80	124.90	- 0.20	6.69
Brit Smlr Cos	119.70	127.30	0.30	1.77
Conv & Gen #	70.58	75.09†	+ 0.42	5.20
Europe	292.70	310.40	+ 1.60	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	127.40	135.40	+ 0.90	0.58
Income Gwth	372.50	396.30†	+ 0.40	4.80
Japan	312.20	331.70	- 7.30	
Latin American	87.71	93.31	+ 1.57	0.75
Pacific	115.20	122.50	- 0.40	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	60.07	63.90	- 0.31	1.26
Japan Fd	649.30	668.30	-15.30	
Mngd Fd	205.80	218.50	- 1.20	2.75
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	379.30	401.20	+ 3.80	0.88
Capital Gwth	129.80	137.30	- 0.70	3.18
Wrdde Opps	224.80	237.80	+ 0.20	0.92
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	438.10	458.90	+ 2.50	2.35
European Bd Inc	97.95	101.40	+ 0.50	6.65
Exempt	84.38	89.93	+ 0.52	2.79
500	512.30	560.30†	+ 0.20	2.36
General	328.80	352.20†	+ 1.30	2.51
Property	245.80	263.50	+ 0.20	5.20
Trustee	229.90	246.00	+ 2.00	2.32
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00†	1.00	5.10
Distribution @#	113.80	114.40†	+ 0.80	6.02
Extra Income #	136.40	145.90†	- 2.10	4.80
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.06	61.13†	+ 0.70	7.78
Income #	593.90	635.10	+ 3.90	4.57
Income Builder #	69.50	74.13†	+ 0.49	5.31
Intl Income	71.88	76.46	+ 0.09	2.62
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	143.10	153.20	+ 0.40	2.01
FTSE 100	102.00	108.80	+ 0.80	2.61
Leisure	179.20	191.70	+ 0.50	0.73
Recovery	500.30	535.00	+ 2.10	2.64
Smlr Cos Inc	58.94	63.20	+ 0.01	2.29
Special Sits	399.20	428.00	+ 2.00	1.32
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	175.90	186.70	+ 0.90	0.40
F East Gwth Acc	286.70	306.00	- 0.20	2.04
Far East Gwth	171.50	183.00	- 0.10	2.04
Euro Gwth Inc	198.50	208.50†	+ 1.50	0.44
-do- Accum	213.70	226.80	+ 1.60	0.44
Japan	148.20	156.90	- 4.70	
-do- Accum	149.90	158.70	- 4.80	
Japan Spec Sits	69.32	73.43	- 1.85	
Worldwide	201.30	213.60	- 0.10	0.46
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	136.50	144.20	+ 0.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	174.70	187.50	+ 3.10	
Convertibles	60.29	64.52†	+ 0.45	4.60
Eastern	301.10	324.10	- 2.60	0.30
Equity Income #	99.81	106.80	+ 0.90	4.30
European Growth	367.00	390.30	+ 1.10	0.80
Europa	367.20	391.80	+ 6.10	0.80
German Growth	90.05	95.49	+ 0.78	0.50
Global Bond	72.11	75.95	+ 0.42	6.20
Global Growth	149.20	158.60	- 0.20	0.40
Japan Growth	195.70	208.20	- 7.58	
Japan Sunrise	159.90	169.80	- 7.20	
Korea Trust	62.13	66.58	- 2.57	
Portfolio	147.90	158.00†	+ 0.80	2.00
-do- Accum	280.20	299.60	+ 1.60	2.00
UK Growth	106.40	114.10	+ 0.80	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	99.89	108.20	+ 0.60	1.90
Select Managers	90.48	97.08	+ 0.27	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	91.60	97.45	+ 0.12	
Special Oppor Inc	61.27	65.18	0.32	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	142.38	150.66†	- 0.02	1.40
-do- Accum	165.74	175.39	+ 1.76	1.40
Smaller Cos	156.59	165.71	+ 0.93	0.68
Higher Yield #	57.35	60.68†	- 0.01	4.08
American Gth Inc	103.86	109.91	+ 2.03	
European Growth	168.64	178.46†	+ 1.79	
-do- Accum	172.00	182.04	+ 1.82	
Global Bond Inc #	26.70	27.65	- 0.04	4.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	53.71	56.81†	+ 0.34	1.40
-do- Accum	55.74	58.96	+ 0.35	1.40
Intl Spec Opps	168.11	177.90	+ 0.06	
Pacific Gth	143.76	152.12	- 3.57	
UK General #	96.75	102.38	+ 0.95	2.77
-do- Accum #	103.51	109.53	+ 1.01	2.77
Japan	58.36	61.76	- 1.51	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	101.61	105.29†	+ 1.26	8.78
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.95	67.81	+ 0.31	6.41
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	193.50	203.70	+ 2.00	1.72
UK Growth	214.30	225.50	+ 2.70	1.99
UK Income	148.40	156.20†	- 1.20	4.44
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	239.20	252.40	+ 1.60	1.57
-do- Income Dist	129.10	135.80	+ 1.30	3.68
-do- Accum	411.20	435.80	+ 4.00	3.68
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.34	43.45†	+ 0.33	6.26
Growth Units	257.40	275.10†	+ 2.80	2.03
Bond	176.80	186.00†	+ 1.50	7.00
Intl Growth	249.90	266.00	- 0.90	0.18
North American	264.70	281.70	- 2.10	0.18
Far East	309.10	330.60	- 0.10	0.66
UK Smaller Cos	225.10	240.70	+ 1.40	0.97
European	98.64	104.50	+ 0.50	0.61
Japanese Growth	45.90	49.13	- 1.09	
High Income	219.30	234.30	+ 1.80	4.26
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	225.40	239.50†	+ 1.10	
European Inc	96.32	102.03†	+ 0.27	0.47
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.00	116.00†	- 0.60	1.51
Growth	552.70	588.00†	+ 6.50	1.77
Income & Growth #	460.90	490.40	+ 1.70	3.85
-do- Accum #	696.60	741.10	+ 2.40	3.85
Japan & Gen	66.36	70.37	1.50	..
Master Portfolio	£121.89	£125.97†	+75.00	1.80
-do- Accum	£150.69	£155.74	+174.00	1.80
Special Sits	129.50	137.80	+ 1.70	1.79
High Yield	£15.08	£15.55	+ 6.00	4.26
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	103.15	110.08	+ 0.61	2.34
American Portfolio	126.10	133.90	+ 1.91	0.86
European Portfolio	137.60	146.53†	+ 2.98	0.61
High Income	52.77	52.90	+ 0.81	7.04
Japanese Portfolio	67.51	71.70	- 1.80	
Pacific Portfolio	159.46	171.47	+ 0.72	1.38
UK Equity	97.68	104.52†	- 1.34	3.01
UK Equity & Bo	58.77	62.30	+ 0.49	6.19
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	776.39	788.13	+ 8.92	4.24
Fxd Int Sec	155.85	156.47	+ 1.53	9.14
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	774.80	786.50	+ 4.42	4.23
Investment Acc	£35.72	£36.26	+60.47	
Fixed Int Inc	126.69	127.19	- 1.20	9.12
Fixed Int Acc	230.87	231.79	+ 3.12	.
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.32	95.32†	+ 1.34	3.01
Beck Bio-Tech	48.57	50.26	+ 1.56	
Acorn Ethical Tst	190.27	199.80	+ 0.80	0.43
City Fin Assets	84.19	88.41	- 0.27	1.52
City Fin America	111.63	117.22	+ 1.18	
City Fin Intl	93.86	98.56	+ 2.37	0.43
City Fin Japan	142.80	149.95	- 5.98	
Friars Hse Cap	326.11	346.93	- 1.71	2.44
Buckley Wrld Grth	145.84	154.38†	+ 0.89	
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	56.82	59.46	+ 0.85	3.24
Shaw Utilities	57.36	58.50	- 0.15	6.22
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.71	61.23	- 0.08	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	82.29	87.54	- 0.57	
Dragon Growth	72.54	77.58	- 0.34	0.44
Equity High Inc	89.67	96.03†	+ 0.44	4.09
-do- Accum	129.79	138.99	+ 0.63	4.09
Extra Income Inc	26.50	27.93†	- 0.08	7.35
Extra Income Acc	29.17	30.73	+ 0.36	7.35
European Gwth	64.32	68.24	+ 0.34	0.84
Evergreen	32.15	34.38	+ 0.06	
General Equity	105.33	111.76	+ 0.63	2.93
Japan Growth	48.95	52.07	- 1.28	
Pedigree Gwth	65.33	69.39	+ 0.08	2.26
Ped Sm Cos Inc	38.62	41.08	- 0.07	1.52
-do- Accum	40.92	43.53	- 0.06	1.52
Retirement Inc #	27.93	29.71	- 0.07	5.76
Special Sits	47.57	50.61	+ 0.03	2.37
UK & Overseas	60.37	64.05	+ 0.12	0.71
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	70.15	73.07	+ 0.48	4.13
Capital	84.26	87.77	+ 0.25	2.61
High Income	52.36	54.54	+ 0.79	6.60
Top 50	56.83	59.19	+ 0.26	2.58
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPI FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	194.28	202.37†	- 3.67	4.54
Long Gilt	43.42	45.20†		6.10
Monthly Inc Plus	49.91	51.99	+ 0.48	8.62
Preference Share	46.84	48.79†	- 0.54	7.99
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.62	147.52†	- 0.43	5.78
Managed Fund	77.99	81.24†	- 0.88	2.68
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.52	55.75	+ 0.21	1.70
-do- Accum	63.27	65.91	+ 0.25	1.70
UK & General	98.20	102.29†	- 0.65	2.89
-do- Accum	129.15	134.53†	+ 1.02	2.89
UK Growth	197.77	206.01	+ 1.44	1.36
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	214.01	222.93	+ 0.60	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	137.93	143.68	- 1.12	0.02
Global Bond	80.45	83.80†	- 2.06	5.92
Japan Growth	111.63	116.28	- 2.93	
North Amer Gth	241.07	251.11	+ 1.44	
Oriental Growth	85.69	89.26	+ 0.32	0.26
Worldwide Growth	74.75	77.86	- 0.35	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPI FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.46	91.46†	- 1.89	5.11
Homemaker Fund	92.72	98.64	- 0.26	1.53
Quilter Fund	157.98	168.06	+ 1.20	1.90
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.09	38.60	+ 0.28	4.30
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	181.94	192.60	+ 0.80	1.93
Income	73.24	77.92	+ 0.56	4.65
European	76.45	81.33	+ 1.09	1.16
Recovery	190.78	202.90	- 0.10	2.23
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	935.30	1011.30	- 7.80	3.38
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	111.50	118.60†	+ 0.20	1.16
Income #	293.50	312.20	+ 1.50	4.05
-do- Accum #	768.10	817.10	+ 3.90	4.05
Smaller Cos	238.30	253.50	+ 0.50	0.85
-do- Accum	296.00	314.80	+ 0.60	0.85
Gilt Portfolio	103.60	110.20	+ 0.80	1.29
High Inc Port #	84.36	89.74	+ 0.10	4.23
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1683.80	1732.80	+ 1.90	
Japan Small Cos	1195.30	1215.60	-25.90	0.01
UK Small Cos	2216.80	2313.00	- 7.70	2.86
US Small Cos	2187.30	2261.10	+17.70	0.63
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	232.80	245.00	+ 3.20	3.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
Uk Balanced Inc	173.90	184.90	+ 2.00	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	181.50	193.00	+ 1.50	3.69
-do- Accum	245.00	260.60	+ 2.00	3.69
UK Prof & F I Inc	60.05	63.71	+ 0.57	5.81
Envmmntl Opps	99.17	105.50	+ 0.50	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	70.18	74.65	+ 0.49	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.61	52.77	+ 0.77	6.04
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	178.90	189.30	+ 2.40	0.42
Convertibles #	23.19	24.64†	+ 0.34	5.68
Equity Income #	144.60	153.60†	+ 1.10	3.91
EuroFund	64.60	68.37	+ 0.65	0.59
Financial	57.10	60.67†	+ 1.25	1.48
Growth & Inc #	292.40	310.70	+ 2.40	2.82
High Dist #	182.80	194.20	+ 1.50	4.07
International	445.50	473.30	+ 2.00	0.11
Int Cap Inc	105.60	112.70†	- 0.70	2.39
Latin American	34.10	36.23	+ 0.74	.
Pacific	82.61	87.77†	- 0.07	
Pref High Inc	22.28	23.67†	+ 0.03	7.60
Tokyo	220.20	233.90†	- 5.60	.
UK Smaller Cos	257.50	273.60	- 3.80	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	342.40	361.60	+ 5.30	1.00
Jap Smlr Co	439.00	465.90	- 8.10	.
Nth Amer	429.90	455.70	+ 4.10	0.54
UK Inc & Grth	250.70	266.40†	- 3.70	2.76
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	118.58	126.83	- 0.97	1.10
Growth Acc	261.92	278.64		0.25
Income	615.59	658.38	+ 1.55	6.08
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	231.00	245.70†	+ 0.20	0.99
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	93.50	98.42	+ 1.48	2.08
Ethical Tst	48.44	50.99	+ 0.76	0.88
Far Eastern	309.04	325.30	- 0.63	1.51
High Income	142.60	150.10	+ 1.77	4.94
UK Index Trckng	51.97	54.71	+ 0.88	3.18
Intl Growth	145.91	153.59	+ 0.06	0.38
North American	150.72	158.65†	+ 1.72	1.85
Pelican	145.38	153.03	+ 2.06	3.10
Smaller Cos	73.32	77.18	- 0.05	2.81
Special Sits	91.31	96.12†	- 0.79	2.47
Tst of Inv Tsts	220.89	232.52	+ 2.75	1.26
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	236.10	251.17†	- 3.57	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	426.32	453.53†	- 0.45	1.48
Recovery	58.76	62.51	- 0.53	1.69
Recovery Acc	60.71	64.59	- 0.56	1.69
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	94.17	100.99†	+ 3.90	
Fd of Inv Tsts	53.13	56.67	- 0.52	0.51
High Income #	38.69	41.46†	- 0.21	11.10
Warrant	48.46	52.61†	+ 0.55	
Zero Preference	44.87	47.61	+ 0.41	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	94.10	100.10†	+ 0.67	2.60
United Charities	310.50	330.30†	- 2.20	2.36
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	29.08	30.16	- 0.01	5.16
Strategic Inc	27.21	28.45†	+ 0.31	5.71
Income Funds				
High Income	26.75	28.07†	+ 0.15	5.49
Income Plus	131.60	140.00†	+ 1.30	3.92
European Income	50.35	53.58	+ 0.25	2.54
UK Div Gth	31.51	33.51†	+ 0.28	2.33
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.72	67.97	- 0.61	
American	331.80	351.30	+ 2.80	
Amer Spec Sits	190.40	203.10	+ 1.70	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.87	36.06	- 0.77	
European	232.30	247.10	+ 1.20	0.55
European Opps	81.98	87.17	+ 0.37	0.02
Global Priv	31.07	33.04	- 0.06	0.34
UK Growth	123.20	131.00	+ 1.30	1.49
Growth & Inc	178.40	189.70	+ 1.80	2.45
Intl PEP	48.38	51.45	- 0.40	1.06
Japan Spec Sits	89.03	94.59	- 1.83	
Japan	176.80	187.80	- 3.40	
Managed Intl	358.50	380.40	+ 2.70	0.49
Moneybuilder	67.53	71.81	+ 0.20	
Recovery	62.24	66.18	- 0.27	1.63
South E Asia	185.50	197.90†	0.20	0.98
Special Sits	729.30	775.50†	+ 4.40	0.57
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.03	116.03	+ 0.09	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	153.10	155.60†	+ 1.50	1.54
Finsbury Pd Inc #	96.48	97.76†	+ 0.61	2.83
Cap Pfolio	166.50	169.10	+ 0.70	0.85
General Opps	147.10	148.60	+ 2.50	3.94
Growth Inc	37.99	38.53	+ 0.32	0.95
Private Portfolio	497.30	505.00†	+ 5.40	0.87
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 385 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	153.70	163.50	- 0.10	0.38
Emrg Asian	140.60	152.20†	- 2.70	
High Income	21.38	22.71†	- 0.25	9.91
UK Income	115.00	122.60	+ 0.20	4.03
US Smaller Cos	440.30	470.50†	+ 6.90	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500, Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	82.68	87.95	+ 0.82	
-do- Accum	82.68	87.95	+ 0.82	
Amer Smllr Cos	730.80	781.80†	+11.10	.
-do- Accum	746.80	798.50†	+11.40	.
Capital Tst	400.00	425.50†	+ 3.90	1.50
-do- Accum	587.60	625.10†	+ 5.70	1.50
Cont Smllr Cos	62.12	66.17	+ 0.25	1.09
-do- Accum	66.08	70.40	+ 0.26	1.09
Convertible	142.80	151.90	- 1.00	5.60
-do- Accum	309.20	328.90	- 2.10	5.60
Emerging Markets	68.45	73.13	+ 0.85	0.30
-do- Accum	68.68	73.38	+ 0.86	0.30
European	153.10	162.20	+ 1.30	0.50
-do- Accum	162.20	171.80	+ 1.30	0.50
Extra Income	392.90	418.00	+ 2.50	4.45
-do- Accum	625.60	665.50	+ 3.80	4.45
Financial	178.10	189.50	+ 1.80	0.46
-do- Accum	189.20	201.30	+ 1.80	0.46
Gilt Fund	63.66	65.64†	- 1.50	6.79
-do- Accum	98.99	102.00†	+ 0.40	6.79
Health Fund Inc	270.50	289.00	- 0.30	.
-do- Accum	270.50	289.00	- 0.30	.
Income & Growth	234.70	249.70	+ 1.50	3.61
-do- Accum	371.80	395.50	+ 2.30	3.61
Intl Growth	449.80	478.00	- 0.20	...
-do- Accum	498.60	530.70	+17.70	...
Japan & Gen	169.30	180.00	- 3.70	.
-do- Accum	171.00	181.80	- 3.70	.
Monthly Inc #	198.10	210.70†	- 1.20	4.38
Managed Port Inc	124.00	130.50	+ 0.50	1.37
-do- Accum	134.70	141.80	+ 0.60	1.37
Quarterly Income #	58.02	62.25†	+ 0.64	4.91
-do- Accum #	66.66	71.51†	+ 0.72	4.91
Recovery	355.60	380.30	+ 2.00	
-do- Accum	419.80	449.00	+ 2.50	.
UK Growth	67.29	71.59	+ 0.63	2.78
-do- Accum	72.97	77.63	+ 0.68	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	62.55	66.68	+ 0.61	0.30
FP Am Smllr Cos	215.50	229.80	+ 3.80	.
FP Asian Growth	285.40	304.40	+ 1.90	
FP Australian	426.40	454.80	+ 2.00	
FP Equity Dist	464.40	495.30	+ 4.50	2.41
-do- Accum	£10.24	£10.92	+10.00	2.41
FP Euro Gth	291.10	310.50	+ 1.80	.
-do- Accum	318.40	339.60	+ 2.00	
FP Intl Bond	60.04	63.53	+ 0.18	4.45
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.82	41.38	- 0.01	0.09
-do- Accum	56.84	60.41	- 0.02	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	222.40	237.20†	- 1.30	.
FP Income #	60.05	64.05	+ 0.34	5.03
-do- Accum #	209.80	223.70	+ 1.10	5.03
FP Jap Smllr Cos	299.50	319.40	- 3.90	.
FP Monthly Dist #	76.05	81.12†	+ 0.23	5.08
FP Stlg Deposit	100.00	100.00†	- 0.90	5.05
FP Tokyo	81.61	87.05†	- 1.78	.
FP UK Focus	42.68	45.52†	- 0.32	2.00
FP UK Growth	201.90	215.30	+ 1.80	2.17
-do- Accum	406.90	434.00	+ 3.60	2.17
Stewardship Dist	435.10	464.10	+ 3.80	1.35
-do- Accum	545.60	581.90	+ 4.80	1.35
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.98	87.44	+ 0.39	4.64
-do- Accum	112.10	119.50	+ 0.50	4.64
N Am Stshp Dist	130.30	138.90	+ 1.60	0.22
-do- Accum	140.00	149.30	+ 1.70	0.22
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	130.60	138.90	+ 1.20	1.57
Oppn Cap Gth Acc	133.20	141.70	+ 0.80	0.21
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	120.90	128.60	+ 1.10	3.25
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	128.20	136.39	+ 1.10	3.25
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	122.30	130.10	+ 0.90	3.82
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	130.70	139.00	+ 1.00	3.82
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	298.60	313.70	+ 2.70	1.96
Cash	49.59	50.33	+ 0.03	5.29
Growth Portfolio	89.31	94.66	- 0.07	0.67
Income Portfolio	71.14	75.22	+ 0.40	4.09
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	238.80	255.40	+ 3.70	1.03
Dividend	99.30	106.20	+ 1.80	4.02
Intl Gth & Inc	260.10	278.20	+ 5.90	3.10
UK & Gen	51.45	55.03†	+ 0.72	2.64
Fund of Funds	75.56	80.81†	+ 0.41	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	264.60	283.00	- 0.70	0.12
European Gth	743.50	795.20	+ 5.80	0.60
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.25	58.59†	- 1.02	5.15
-do- Accum	62.83	66.64	+ 0.48	5.15
Far East & Gen	273.30	292.30	- 0.30	
German Growth	145.40	155.20		
High Yield #	50.33	53.19	+ 0.62	7.87
-do- Accum #	55.45	58.61	+ 0.69	7.87
Income Inc	196.70	210.40†	+ 0.60	4.09
-do- Accum	224.80	240.50	+ 0.70	4.09
International	389.20	415.70	- 1.10	0.30
Intl Income	95.97	101.60	+ 1.00	2.92
Japan Growth	436.60	463.90	- 5.00	.
Korean Securities	50.60	54.12	- 2.83	.
Orient Acc	192.60	206.00	+ 0.40	0.15
Uk General Inc	201.50	215.50	+ 1.70	1.53
UK General Acc	359.90	385.00	+ 2.90	1.53
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	59.78	63.94	+ 0.03	1.82
UK Spec Sits	103.60	110.80†	- 1.30	1.48
US Growth	195.50	208.90	+ 5.10	.
Wrlde Spec Sits	164.90	175.70	- 1.10	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
Uk Growth Funds				
British Growth	61.83	66.10†	+ 1.01	1.75
Cash Trust	146.35	146.35	+ 0.12	5.24
Practical Inv Inc #	124.19	132.82	+ 1.29	3.62
-do- Accum #	300.44	321.33	+ 3.13	3.62
UK Index	181.12	182.03	+ 1.43	3.21
UK Smaller Cos	200.12	214.08†	- 1.11	0.54
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.02	26.93	+ 0.33	7.29
High Income	34.45	36.74†	+ 0.33	4.95
Uk Equity Income	160.13	171.47†	+ 0.03	3.06
Global Bond	29.68	30.74	+ 0.03	4.94
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	47.85	51.18	+ 0.05	.
Global Managed	154.54	164.15	+ 0.43	1.40
Gold & Intl Res	112.56	120.39	+ 0.85	.
Global Utilities	144.55	154.12	- 0.20	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	207.23	219.83	+ 0.16	0.72
European	136.82	147.10	+ 1.60	0.88
Euro Sel Opps	210.22	222.89†	+ 1.89	.
Amer Emerging	194.07	207.28	- 3.22	.
Hong Kong	168.35	180.11	+ 1.79	1.58
Japan	236.76	251.32	- 6.03	.
Pacific Growth	226.16	241.88	- 2.10	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	265.50	265.50†	+ 2.11	1.91
Long Term Bal	284.55	284.55†	+ 2.03	2.92
Med Term Bal	233.61	233.61†	+ 1.85	2.89
Uk Equity	314.22	314.22	+ 4.77	2.36
UK Emerging Cos	181.36	181.36	+ 0.70	1.92
American	329.99	329.99	+ 3.27	0.81
Japan	131.07	131.07	- 3.21	
European	356.62	356.62	+ 4.03	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	187.30	187.30	+ 1.50	2.67
Fixed Interest	178.18	178.18†	+ 1.93	6.26
Amer Emerging	431.33	431.33	- 3.35	
Pacific	240.51	240.51	- 0.79	0.88
Emerging Mkts	126.17	126.17†	- 0.37	0.52
Index Strat Japan	145.57	145.57	- 4.01	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	210.13	210.13	+ 1.12	1.17
-do- Cont Europe	191.00	191.00	+ 1.17	1.84
Index Strat USA	193.31	193.31	+ 1.28	1.63
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	125.24	133.23	+ 1.06	
Med Term Bal	111.45	118.56	+ 0.93	
Long Term Bal	128.12	136.30	+ 0.97	.
UK Equity	145.92	155.22	+ 2.40	
UK Emerging Cos	85.22	90.65	+ 0.37	
American	152.78	162.53	+ 1.68	
Japan	82.66	86.65	- 1.61	...
European	148.06	157.50	+ 1.64	...
Fixed Interest	91.73	97.58	+ 1.37	.
Index Linked Gilt	83.33	88.65	+ 0.73	.
Deposit	87.66	93.25	+ 0.06	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	162.23	170.77	+ 0.30	0.50
Brckll Gtn Port Inc	75.17	79.34	+ 0.65	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	65.07	68.68	+ 1.65	3.50
-do- Wrlde Port	63.06	66.55	+ 0.21	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	625.92	665.87	+11.75	1.00
-do- Accum	706.85	751.97	+13.27	1.00
European Inc	180.95	192.10	+ 0.91	1.36
Amalgam Inc	158.36	167.89	- 0.01	
N America Inc	431.76	459.32	+14.02	
Far East Inc	381.01	405.33	+ 3.09	0.13
-do- Accum	394.86	420.08	+ 3.20	0.13
UK Devld Inc	216.51	230.33	+ 0.68	1.78
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	102.97	110.12	+ 1.35	4.56
UK Small Cos	67.05	71.70	- 0.85	0.82
British Growth	69.77	74.61†	+ 0.13	3.11
American Gwth	298.52	319.26	+ 2.18	.
Japan Gwth	64.54	69.01	- 1.28	.
Greater China	204.41	218.61	+ 3.58	0.16
Pacific Strategy	164.18	175.59	- 1.71	.
European Gwth	121.96	130.43	+ 0.07	.
Intl Growth	172.57	184.56	+ 0.20	.
US Index (£)	18.2097	19.1869	+ 0.26	3.75
FTSE 250 Ind	91.94	98.33†	+ 0.72	2.15
Monthly Income	41.78	44.66†	+ 0.08	8.58
Index & Bear Funds: Dealing 0171 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	15.5622	16.4291	+ 0.31	4.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	116.67	124.12	- 0.25	1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	590.50	630.80	+ 2.60	0.33
Gilt & Fixed	130.60	138.50	+ 1.30	5.55
Growth Equity	440.60	470.70	+ 6.60	1.30
Income Trust	153.80	164.30	+ 1.90	4.14
International	214.00	228.60†	- 0.30	0.03
Japan Trust	121.30	129.50	- 2.90	.
Nth American	370.40	395.70	+ 4.40	.
Pacific	590.30	630.50	- 4.70	0.09
Guardhill	649.40	693.80	+ 4.10	1.36
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	108.89	113.03	+ 0.24	5.32
Global High Inc	102.37	106.27	+ 0.53	6.17
Corporate Bond	105.46	109.48†	- 0.28	6.98
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.09	117.85†	- 1.44	5.53
European Growth	131.08	139.36	+ 1.72	.
Intl PEP Trust	71.48	76.08	+ 0.48	
Equity Inc	137.25	145.93†	- 0.55	4.12
-do- Accum	201.47	214.22	- 0.79	4.12
Recovery	407.60	433.30	+ 5.90	1.51
-do- Accum	481.82	512.30	+ 7.10	1.51
St Vinc High Inc	121.16	129.06†	+ 0.59	7.56
Uk Emerg Cos	312.50	332.30	- 0.40	2.31
UK Smlr Cos	412.80	439.10	- 0.40	2.53
Glob Priv Tst	117.06	124.46†	- 1.17	1.69
-do- Accum	121.67	129.36	+ 1.03	1.69
Inc Share Tst	89.94	95.63†	+ 2.30	9.08
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	57.32	60.78	+ 0.63	3.72
Balanced Acc	60.97	64.65	+ 0.67	3.72
Growth	34.13	36.19†	+ 0.49	2.29
Growth Acc	35.29	37.42	+ 0.50	2.29
Income	32.45	34.41†	+ 0.39	4.25
Income Acc	34.67	36.76	+ 0.42	4.25
Accumulation Tst	26.31	28.50	+ 0.37	3.13
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Prfrnce	101.30	104.70	+ 0.80	8.50
Model Pfolio	246.10	258.70†	+ 2.10	2.54
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	369.74	395.62†	- 2.03	0.93
Best of British	74.68	79.38	+ 0.50	2.11
UK Smaller Cos	159.00	170.92	+ 0.68	1.21
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	313.17	333.51	+ 2.39	3.26
-do- Accum #	882.86	940.21	+ 6.73	3.35
High Income	344.19	367.53	+ 1.39	4.22
Extra Income #	288.85	307.19†	+ 1.21	5.89
Pref & Bond	49.27	50.92	+ 0.42	8.30
International				
Ethical	123.62	132.21†	- 0.60	1.84
International	332.53	353.15†	+ 1.67	
Global Bond	56.43	59.52†	- 0.48	5.57
Intl Port Tst	101.60	108.65	- 0.62	0.69
Global Tech	248.23	267.33	- 0.75	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	198.25	212.11	+ 0.15	0.03
European	633.22	671.38	+ 3.77	0.49
European Income #	94.42	100.03	+ 0.73	3.09
Euro Smlr Cos	196.41	209.64	+ 3.36	0.89
European Value	95.35	101.44†	+ 0.41	0.47
-do- Accum	102.58	109.13	+ 0.44	0.47
Japan Trust	223.08	237.99	- 5.61	.
Japan Smlr Cos	229.60	244.58†	- 4.69	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	248.72	264.98†	- 1.71	...
North American	331.41	351.81	+ 2.52	..
American Smaller	189.26	201.12	+ 2.79	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	161.40	169.90†	+ 0.40	4.98
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	125.70	131.62	+ 1.65	1.86
Capital	207.88	217.66	+ 0.87	1.38
Dollar	520.13	544.64	+ 4.80	
Enterprise Gth	438.67	459.34†	+ 2.17	1.18
European	281.90	295.19	+ 1.77	0.67
Far East	317.47	332.43	- 0.03	
Financial	210.41	219.90†	+10.26	2.00
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.71	27.78	+ 0.25	6.88
High Yield #	112.40	117.70	+ 0.68	5.16
Income & Growth #	165.86	173.67	+ 1.41	3.82
International	300.54	314.70	+ 0.20	0.31
Japanese General	207.47	217.25	- 5.49	..
Japan Tech	89.10	93.30	- 1.58	.
Nat Resources	84.71	88.70	- 0.09	0.51
Portfolio	88.23	92.38	+ 0.24	1.04
Special Sits	213.02	223.05†	+ 2.42	9.01
UK Emerging Cos	132.82	139.08†	+ 0.29	0.69
US Smaller Cos	171.09	179.15	+ 1.35	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	662.00	695.80	+ 8.40	5.42
UK Growth	734.10	783.50†	- 0.90	2.46
High Income #	116.10	123.99†	+ 1.30	5.82
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	636.60	673.50	+ 8.10	0.26
European Gwth	148.40	158.70	+ 1.60	0.11
Japan Gwth	273.80	291.20†	- 6.10	..
Japan Smlr Cos	33.21	35.55	- 0.86	..
Asian	84.00	88.30	- 0.10	0.17
Sing & Malay Gwth	86.64	92.47	- 0.33	.
Hong Kong Gwth	146.90	156.80	+ 2.80	1.23
Global Bond	22.53	23.79	+ 0.05	5.14
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	170.70	171.60	+ 1.30	3.34
Tribe Index	129.40	132.70†	+ 0.10	2.20
THE FOOTSIE FUND	66.48	68.61	+ 0.62	2.85
Index Funds-International				
American Index	269.60	281.10	+ 2.30	0.98
Eurotrack 100	200.90	201.90	+ 1.10	1.49
Japan Index	77.69	78.08	- 2.24	0.07
Tiger Index	205.10	206.10†	- 2.80	.
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	48.06	51.91†	- 0.02	0.80
General Funds				
Managed Dist	90.87	94.40	+ 0.09	1.22
Managed	93.15	96.98	+ 0.08	1.22
Roped Child Fnd	104.69	109.19	+ 1.00	2.17
UK Growth	73.11	76.12	+ 0.62	1.86
High Income Funds				
Uk Extra Inc #	88.89	92.55†	+ 0.79	5.56
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.01	27.90†	+ 0.25	7.99
UK Inc & Gwth	49.52	51.58	+ 0.56	2.91
UK Income #	383.50	399.30	+ 2.70	4.10
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	65.05	68.26†	+ 0.64	0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	180.60	188.00	+ 3.60	.
-do- Accum	182.60	190.10	+ 3.70	.
Europe Gth	236.70	245.90†	+ 3.00	.
-do- Accum	245.10	254.80†	+ 3.20	.
Euro Smaller Cos	46.01	47.84†	+ 0.76	
French Growth	97.52	101.30	+ 0.20	0.33
-do- Accum	105.40	109.40	+ 0.20	0.33
H Kong & China	98.37	102.40	+ 1.80	1.32
Intl Growth	69.89	72.71	+ 0.31	0.17
-do- Accum	70.87	73.73	+ 0.32	0.17
Japan Gth	31.65	32.93	- 0.83	
-do- Accum	31.65	32.93	- 0.83	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.83	40.43†	- 0.74	.
Glob Emg Mkts	97.11	101.10	+ 0.10	
-do- Accum	97.80	101.80†	+ 0.10	0.11
SE Asia	351.40	365.80	+ 3.60	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.83	55.48†	+ 0.03	6.25
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	105.60	111.50	+ 1.10	3.71
Sector Value Gwth	106.70	112.60	+ 1.00	2.12
Hy 5 Europe	100.70	105.70	- 0.40	2.78
Slater Gwth	169.30	178.70	+ 4.90	0.64
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	218.30	232.20	+ 4.80	...
Income #	214.86	228.57	+ 1.83	4.24
UK Growth	85.73	91.20	+ 0.35	1.88
Intl Growth	88.74	94.40	+ 0.90	0.45
Ecology	104.07	110.71†	- 1.06	0.87
European	206.15	219.31	+ 3.25	0.57
Far Eastern	308.90	328.50	- 6.00	..
UK Special Sits	51.90	55.25†	+ 0.05	.
-do- Accum	104.20	110.90	- 2.70	.
Master Trust	69.05	73.48	+ 0.33	1.25
-do- Accum	79.73	84.82	+ 0.38	1.25
Millennium Acc	96.72	102.90	- 0.10	2.28
N American Gen	253.70	269.90	+ 1.90	
-do- Accum	293.60	312.40	+ 2.10	
NAm Sm Co Rec	210.80	224.30	- 2.30	.
-do- Accum	215.10	228.90	- 2.40	
Pacific Basin	263.90	280.80	- 0.20	0.14
-do- Accum	281.10	299.10	- 0.20	0.14
Small Cos Rec	533.20	561.30	+ 0.50	1.68
-do- Accum	730.70	769.20	+ 0.70	1.66
UK Eq Gth	166.40	177.10†	+ 2.20	2.58
UK Eq Inc	129.20	137.50†	+ 1.30	3.86
UK Growth	106.50	113.30	+ 0.20	1.87
-do- Accum	133.60	142.20	+ 0.20	1.87
Worldwide Gth	364.20	387.50	+ 0.70	0.26
-do- Accum	538.30	572.70	+ 1.20	0.26
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	90.54	96.98	+ 0.48	0.70
General	110.17	118.20	+ 1.04	2.80
Income	73.62	78.98†	+ 0.89	5.20
International	75.55	81.06	- 0.10	0.50
Japan	56.99	61.14	- 1.60	
Tst of Inv Trusts	78.00	83.69†	+ 0.37	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	537.10	567.40	+ 6.70	0.34
-do- Accum	672.30	710.30	+ 8.40	0.34
Amer Recovery	591.00	625.00	+ 8.40	0.25
-do- Accum	681.70	720.90	+ 9.70	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	180.50	190.90	+ 3.90	
-do- Accum	184.40	195.00	+ 3.90	.
Australasian	210.10	222.20†	+ 2.80	2.27
-do- Accum	263.90	279.10†	+ 3.50	2.27
Capital	1005.20	1063.00	+ 3.00	2.74
-do- Accum	1200.20	1269.20	+ 3.50	2.74
Charifund	758.10	765.70	+ 1.70	5.84
-do- Accum	3880.60	3919.50	+ 9.00	5.94
Commodity	486.60	514.60	+ 3.70	0.23
-do- Accum	719.50	760.90	+ 5.40	0.23
Compound Gth	1133.30	1198.50	+ 6.70	2.72
-do- Accum	1236.30	1307.50	+ 7.30	2.72
Corporate Bond	25.63	25.72†	+ 0.34	7.60
Dividend	44.60	47.20	+ 0.10	4.64
-do- Accum	197.50	209.10	+ 0.40	4.64
Equity Income	326.80	345.60	- 0.90	5.59
-do- Accum	453.10	479.30	- 1.20	5.59
Euro & General	643.00	680.00	+ 2.80	0.80
-do- Accum	825.80	873.30	+ 3.50	0.80
Euro Dividend	80.80	85.40	+ 0.40	3.59
-do- Accum	102.80	108.70	+ 0.50	3.59
Extra Yield	457.90	484.20†	+ 1.90	5.11
-do- Accum	1548.70	1637.80†	+ 6.50	5.11
Fund of Inv Tsts	733.20	775.50	+ 7.70	2.01
-do- Accum	1407.40	1488.50	+14.80	2.01
General	70.00	74.00	+ 0.50	3.73
-do- Accum	206.20	218.10	+ 1.50	3.73
Gilt Income	62.41	62.50	+ 0.74	7.10
-do- Accum	189.10	189.38	+ 2.25	7.10
Gold	80.30	84.90	- 0.70	0.02
-do- Accum	96.00	101.60	- 0.80	0.02
High Income	33.40	35.30	+ 0.30	4.64
-do- Accum	142.60	150.90	+ 1.10	4.64
Intl Growth	92.50	97.80	+ 0.20	0.62
-do- Accum	163.70	173.10	+ 0.40	0.62
International Inc	112.40	118.90	+ 0.50	4.42
-do- Accum	176.00	186.30	+ 0.90	4.42
Japan & Gen	40.40	42.70	- 0.80	.
-do- Accum	43.40	45.80	- 0.90	..
Japan Smlr Cos	145.90	154.30	- 2.80	
-do- Accum	146.90	155.40	- 2.80	
Managed Gwth	27.50	29.00	+ 0.10	..
Managed Income	29.88	31.20†	+ 0.20	4.28
Midland	62.90	66.50	+ 0.10	3.25
-do- Accum	218.00	230.80	+ 0.40	3.25
Pension Ex	1091.00	1118.30	+ 2.00	4.23
Recovery	48.50	51.30	+ 0.20	2.82
-do- Accum	83.40	88.20	+ 0.20	2.82
Second General	77.20	81.60	+ 0.80	3.84
-do- Accum	209.30	221.40	+ 2.20	3.84
Smaller Cos	70.50	74.60	+ 0.20	3.36
-do- Accum	146.00	154.50	+ 0.40	3.36
Sth East Asia	388.00	410.30†	- 0.60	1.30
-do- Accum	519.70	549.50†	- 0.90	1.30
Treasury	25.11	25.15†	+ 0.02	5.47
Trustee	45.00	47.60	+ 0.38	4.72
-do- Accum	191.30	202.50	+ 1.30	4.72
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.10	108.48†	- 1.24	1.07
Intl Bond	66.27	69.61	+ 0.18	5.55
Intl Equity Growth	87.47	92.90	- 0.08	0.72
N Amer Growth	140.83	149.67†	+ 1.48	0.75
Special Sits Growth	27.92	29.70†	+ 0.44	1.95
UK Growth	464.21	493.84†	- 2.67	2.46
-do- Accum	641.08	681.99	+ 8.00	2.46
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825897				
Balanced Fd #	1495.40	1517.60	+15.00	2.90
Income #	1045.30	1061.60	+ 7.70	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	166.80	170.70†		4.68
For Manulife see Canada Life				



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Bond Income	101.50	104.90†	+ 1.20	7.09
Gilt Yield	119.80	126.30†	+ 1.10	6.82
Global Income	238.50	254.10	+ 1.40	3.51
High Yield	153.90	163.70†	- 1.70	5.67
-do- Accum	510.10	542.70†	+ 4.20	5.67
Smlr Cos Div	62.93	66.95	+ 0.46	3.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	162.60	173.00	- 0.20	..
Asian Growth	334.50	355.90	- 2.50	..
-do- Accum	393.00	418.10	- 3.10	.
North American	112.80	120.00	+ 0.30	0.22
European Special	127.39	135.40	- 1.00	1.23
European	184.50	196.30	+ 1.40	0.46
-do- Accum	244.10	259.70	+ 1.80	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	123.30	130.80	+ 0.80	1.88
Japan	403.30	429.00	- 9.00	.
Japanese Special	226.30	240.70	- 4.40	.
Smaller Cos	146.79	156.10	- 2.10	1.04
UK Equity Growth	52.58	55.94	+ 1.24	1.79
UK Index Inc	348.19	347.80	+ 3.40	3.22
Birchem Tst	109.70	118.80†	.	1.95
-do- Accum	111.30	119.70†	.	1.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	308.09	327.75	+ 0.08	4.72
Inc & Growth Inc	67.38	71.66	+ 0.25	3.87
Smaller Cos	89.71	95.44†	- 0.49	1.12
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	300.70	319.80	+ 1.80	2.54
High Income	118.00	125.50	+ 1.30	4.93
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	467.90	496.40	+ 4.70	2.17
UK Inc/Gth	477.50	505.00	- 2.20	4.25
UK Income	342.60	363.50	+ 1.20	5.00
UK Sm Cos	313.00	334.80	+ 1.30	2.71
Euro Gwth	167.90	178.10	+ 1.40	0.45
N Amer Gwth	126.10	133.80	- 0.40	.
Japan Growth	61.86	65.65	- 1.59	.
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	583.10	589.10†	+ 4.00	2.74
-do- Accum @	£12.19	£12.19†	+ 8.00	2.74
Equity Income @#	105.20	105.20	+ 0.60	5.03
UK Tactical Allocn @	67.97	67.97†	+ 0.67	3.89
European @	147.20	147.20†	+ 0.50	1.07
Far Eastern @	237.30	237.30†	- 1.20	.
Fixed Interest @	54.72	54.72†	+ 0.70	7.29
Gilt @	93.82	93.82	+ 0.81	6.50
Global Growth @	84.99	84.99	- 0.85	0.21
Intl Bond @	53.92	53.92†	- 0.06	5.19
Japanese @	71.44	71.44	- 1.11	.
North American @	224.30	224.30	+ 1.60	0.81
Pacific Growth @	123.90	123.90†	- 0.10	0.20
UK Index @	78.68	78.68	+ 0.66	3.18
UK Recovery @	119.70	119.70	+ 0.70	2.09
UK Smaller Cos @	182.20	182.20	+ 1.10	1.25
US Index @	85.41	85.41	+ 0.51	1.35
European Index @	92.77	92.77†	+ 0.52	1.71
Japan Index @	39.85	39.85	- 1.12	.
Worldwide @	100.80	100.80	+ 0.30	1.41
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	57.78	61.79	+ 0.62	2.21
Income	66.38	70.99	+ 0.63	4.10
Far East	55.23	58.06	- 0.90	0.08
North American	137.10	146.50	+ 0.50	.
Global	107.90	115.40	- 0.90	0.39
European	97.50	104.70	+ 0.60	1.03
Japan	102.30	109.30	- 2.60	.
Intl Currency Bd	60.30	63.89†	+ 0.05	4.35
SE Asia	110.90	117.80	- 2.90	0.48
UK Cap Growth	104.80	112.00†	+ 1.30	2.60
Recovery Trust	92.43	98.85	+ 0.10	1.23
Managed	77.67	83.06†	- 0.13	1.21
Cash	51.24	51.24	+ 0.03	4.48
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	416.70	443.20	+ 4.80	2.11
-do- Accum	985.10	£10.48	+12.00	2.11
Contl Euro Gth	82.76	87.12	+ 0.13	0.67
-do- Accum	89.07	93.76	+ 0.14	0.67
Extra Inc	288.50	307.00	+ 5.50	3.79
-do- Accum	790.10	840.60	+15.30	3.79
FTSE 100 Inc	122.50	130.40	+ 1.20	2.90
FTSE 100 Acc	127.90	136.10	+ 1.30	2.90
German Gth	140.50	147.90	- 0.50	.
-do- Accum	147.30	155.10	- 0.50	.
Growth Port	678.70	722.10†	+13.00	0.05
-do- Accum	707.30	752.50	+13.00	0.05
High Interest Inc	99.58	103.28†	+ 1.80	7.57
High Interest Acc	105.50	109.50	+ 1.90	7.57
Hi Reserve Inc	108.10	115.10†	+ 1.20	6.08
Hi Reserve Acc #	117.30	124.80	+ 1.30	6.08
Income	559.30	595.00	- 1.60	3.09
-do- Accum	£15.76	£16.77	- 4.00	3.09
Income Port	569.30	605.70	+ 5.10	4.27
-do- Accum	636.80	677.50	+ 5.60	4.27
Japan Growth	103.80	110.50	- 2.70	.
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	181.50	187.10	+ 1.60	2.51
-do- Accum	215.40	222.10	+ 1.90	2.51
UK Sel Pfolio	160.60	165.50	+ 1.60	2.49
-do- Accum	193.50	199.50	+ 1.90	2.49
UK 100 Cos	117.70	117.70†	+ 1.30	2.82
-do- Accum	119.90	119.90†	+ 1.40	2.82
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	74.09	78.82	+ 1.30	3.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	83.73	88.89†	+ 0.45	3.52
European	107.70	114.30	+ 0.10	0.61
Income #	85.02	90.25	+ 0.59	4.25
Nth American	99.03	105.10	+ 1.10	0.23
Far East	180.90	192.00	- 2.10	0.08
Japan	61.75	65.55	- 1.24	.
Emrging Mkts	87.88	93.99	+ 0.04	.
Intl Growth	131.50	139.60†	- 1.20	0.74
UK Growth	126.30	135.20	+ 1.70	2.41
UK Smlr Co	82.33	86.17	+ 0.67	1.33
Asia Pacific	38.37	41.04	- 0.46	0.30
Glob Gwth PEP	62.55	66.39†	- 0.73	1.30
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	105.40	112.20	+ 0.70	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	465.18	494.87†	+ 3.18	4.48
Global Inc	75.12	79.91†	+ 0.91	4.11
Intl Leaders	396.51	421.93†	+ 4.15	3.49
Intl Leaders	234.66	249.64†	+ 1.39	1.35
PAM Mg Bal Gth	73.92	76.80†	+ 0.27	0.47
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	281.20	296.50	+ 4.10	.
-do- Accum	300.60	317.10	+ 4.50	.
American Opps	142.50	151.80	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	144.20	153.70	+ 0.60	
British Blue Chip	98.06	104.10†	+ 1.10	2.31
-do- Accum	127.20	135.10†	+ 1.50	2.31
Cash	101.00	101.00	+ 0.19	5.35
-do- Accum	148.30	148.30	+ 0.10	5.26
Emerging Mkts	130.70	140.50	+ 0.70	0.19
-do- Accum	132.30	142.30	+ 0.90	0.10
European Growth	336.00	356.10	+ 2.80	0.13
-do- Accum	366.30	388.30	+ 3.10	0.13
European Income	93.52	98.95	+ 0.28	2.90
-do- Accum	134.50	142.30	+ 0.40	2.90
General	632.60	673.50†	+11.20	1.84
-do- Accum	1294.00	1377.00†	+23.00	1.84
Global Bond	133.50	140.20†	+ 0.60	5.55
-do- Accum	177.40	186.30†	+ 0.80	5.55
Gold & General	231.80	248.20	- 3.20	0.36
-do- Accum	239.90	257.00	- 3.20	0.36
Govt Securities	95.69	98.65	+ 0.87	6.02
-do- Accum	200.60	206.80	+ 1.80	6.02
High Yield Bd	102.10	104.70†	+ 1.20	6.98
-do- Accum	108.50	111.20†	+ 1.20	6.98
Income	190.60	202.40	+ 2.30	4.16
-do- Accum	316.10	335.70	+ 3.80	4.16
Inc Portfolio #	114.10	120.90†	+ 0.60	4.74
-do- Accum	124.50	131.80†	+ 0.60	4.74
Intl Opps	590.00	629.30	+ 2.30	0.14
-do- Accum	796.00	849.30	+ 3.20	0.14
Japan	170.50	181.60	- 3.60	.
-do- Accum	175.10	186.40	- 3.90	.
New Europe	242.00	258.10	+ 1.10	0.78
-do- Accum	251.80	268.60	+ 1.20	0.78
Pacific	116.40	124.20	- 1.00	0.82
-do- Accum	125.40	133.60	- 1.10	0.82
Recovery	459.70	490.30	+ 5.90	0.53
-do- Accum	603.20	643.40	+ 7.70	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	65.89	70.28†	+ 0.31	0.73
-do- Accum	76.08	81.15	+ 0.35	0.73
Portfolio	95.60	101.50†	+ 0.80	2.27
-do- Accum	117.70	124.90†	+ 0.80	2.27
Managed Gth	124.30	130.10	+ 1.00	0.99
Managed Inc	122.40	127.10	+ 1.00	2.84
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	160.19	170.42	+ 0.98	0.14
Portfolio	82.36	87.64	+ 0.87	1.37
UK Income Inc	91.28	97.11†	+ 0.95	4.87
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	69.66	72.94†	- 0.58	2.92
-do- Accum	77.29	80.93†	- 0.41	2.62
British Tst	107.70	112.80	+ 1.30	2.74
-do- Accum	128.90	135.00	+ 1.80	2.74
Corp Bond Inc	101.40	106.10	+ 1.00	6.86
-do- Accum	102.80	107.50	+ 1.00	6.86
Extra High Inc	70.08	73.36†	- 0.79	7.34
-do- Accum	150.48	157.50†	+ 1.10	7.34
FTSE 100 Inc	70.34	73.65	+ 0.67	2.75
FTSE 100 Dist	66.35	69.48	+ 0.63	2.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.39	58.67†	+ 0.43	6.18
-do- Accum	179.70	186.90†	+ 1.40	6.18
High Yield	241.30	252.70	+ 2.20	5.57
-do- Accum	654.50	685.30	+ 5.90	5.57
Income	324.40	339.70	+ 3.20	4.86
-do- Accum	761.80	797.70	+ 7.40	4.86
Money Market UT	49.56	49.56	+ 0.04	4.44
-do- Accum	83.01	83.01	+ 0.06	4.44
Monthly Income	94.12	98.56†	+ 0.84	4.44
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	135.10	143.70	+ 1.60	1.37
European Growth	135.40	143.58	+ 1.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	100.50	106.60	+ 0.80	5.20
Income	104.59	111.20	+ 1.00	2.30
Japan Growth	50.83	53.68	- 0.55	
Managed	84.84	90.25	+ 0.48	1.95
Money Market	95.19	100.90	+ 0.10	3.98
North American	113.30	120.10	+ 0.20	0.37
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	122.50	130.30	+ 1.40	1.36
European Growth	127.20	134.80	+ 1.00	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.78	100.50	+ 0.75	5.23
Income	102.50	109.00	+ 1.00	2.36
Japan Growth	50.59	53.62	- 0.54	.
Managed	81.04	86.21	+ 0.45	1.93
Money Market	87.78	93.04	+ 0.10	3.95
North American	102.30	108.40	+ 0.10	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	121.60	129.40	+ 1.40	1.36
European Growth	124.40	131.90	+ 1.00	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.36	90.49	+ 0.67	5.45
Income	99.83	106.20	+ 0.90	2.41
Japan Growth	51.71	54.81	- 0.55	
Managed	83.62	89.01	+ 0.46	1.95
Money Market	80.02	84.82	+ 0.08	4.10
North American	114.60	121.50	+ 0.20	0.34
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.33	16.24	+ 0.18	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	496.00	527.30†	+ 7.00	
European Gth Inc	577.80	621.60	+ 2.70	.
-do- Accum	584.10	628.20	+ 2.70	.
Intl Gwth	233.40	247.80	+ 0.90	
UK Equity Inc	225.60	248.10†	- 2.40	3.81
Do. Accum	307.80	327.60†	+ 2.40	3.81
UK Ind Trckr Inc	198.00	209.10	+ 1.70	3.07
-do- Accum	242.50	256.70	+ 2.10	3.07
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	282.10	298.70	+ 2.00	0.63
Japan Trader	72.89	76.86	- 2.02	.
Asian Trader	226.20	244.00†	+ 0.90	0.14
Mngd Pfolio Inc	190.50	203.30		1.96
Mngd Pfolio Acc	207.90	221.80		1.96
Deposit Inc	99.96	99.96	+ 0.08	5.23
Europa	267.30	287.90	+ 1.00	
Genesis	218.60	236.00	+ 2.70	2.38
High Income	20.56	21.91†	- 0.61	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	110.60	113.00	+ 0.80	2.13
Acumen Inc	101.30	103.50	+ 0.70	2.13
Acumen Reserve	96.51	97.47†	+ 0.92	7.43
-do- Inc	75.57	76.33†	+ 0.72	7.43
Americas Growth	74.33	78.14†	+ 2.42	.
Equity Income #	185.20	197.80†	+ 0.80	4.51
European	84.14	85.62†	+ 1.12	0.58
Smaller Cos	95.82	100.20	+ 0.98	1.05
W'wide Eqs	79.34	81.84†	+ 0.64	
Global Bond	45.19	45.68	- 0.04	5.46
UK Growth	115.80	118.80	+ 1.40	1.55
Pacific Growth	122.20	125.80	- 0.70	0.66
Japan Growth	96.47	98.08	- 2.42	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	150.24	159.63	+ 1.40	2.68
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	92.08	97.95	+ 1.00	2.33
UK Income	128.39	136.08	+ 1.04	4.19
Higher Income	244.21	258.86	+ 3.21	4.36
Smaller Cos	105.27	111.59†	- 0.27	1.41
International	113.49	120.73	+ 0.39	1.39
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	134.00	142.50	+ 1.00	0.10
European Dist	150.40	160.00	+ 2.20	0.30
Far East Dist	199.50	212.20	- 2.48	
Global Care Dist	88.41	94.05	+ 0.44	0.36
Oseas Dist	1195.00	1271.30†	- 1.80	
-do- Accum	1554.10	1653.30	- 2.40	
UK Dist	438.20	466.20	+ 3.30	2.18
-do- Accum	890.10	946.90	+ 6.80	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	96.04	102.17	+ 0.80	2.90
Wwide Dist	124.60	132.60†	- 0.20	.
Wwide Inc Dist	98.38	96.15†	+ 0.03	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europa Inc	79.85	84.27	+ 0.63	0.71
Fund of Funds Inc	71.31	75.26	+ 0.46	1.73
North America Inc	70.53	74.44	+ 0.25	0.34
UK Equity Exh Inc	70.71	74.63	+ 1.23	2.71
-do- Accum	76.11	80.33	+ 1.31	2.71
UK General Inc	68.28	72.06†	- 0.69	2.83
UK Gilt Fx Int Inc	49.09	51.70†	- 0.37	6.50
UK Income Inc	66.86	70.56	+ 0.46	4.11
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	55.33	58.86	- 0.25	
-do- Accum	55.76	59.31	- 0.25	
Bond	129.87	137.66	+ 0.86	5.29
Cash Income	50.82	50.82	+ 0.04	5.79
-do- Accum	69.09	69.09	+ 0.06	5.29
Distributor	104.37	111.03†	+ 1.03	2.84
European	57.62	61.56	+ 0.69	.
Foundation	111.48	118.59†	+ 1.18	2.64
General Inc	217.22	231.08	- 1.38	1.58
General Acc	219.40	233.49	- 1.38	1.58
Global	383.09	407.54†	+ 3.67	.
Growth Inc	147.05	156.43	- 0.31	2.36
Growth Acc	150.87	160.49†	+ 1.62	2.36
Higher Income Inc	31.72	33.74†	- 0.17	4.69
-do- Accum	38.65	41.11†	- 0.20	4.69
Income	262.01	278.73†	+ 1.27	3.43
Intrepid	143.05	149.01	+ 0.49	1.72
Japan	27.67	29.43	- 0.68	
Oriental Inc	156.74	166.74	- 0.66	0.52
-do- Accum	162.34	172.70	- 0.68	0.51
Pas Intl Gwth	36.97	39.32	+ 0.23	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	48.21	51.02†	- 0.04	6.29
Managed	117.20	124.00	+ 1.90	2.62
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	144.87	152.49†	+ 0.73	0.85
UK Equity	172.63	181.72†	+ 1.54	2.79
UK Equity Income	155.67	163.86	+ 1.34	3.12
UK Smaller Cos	140.50	147.90	+ 0.69	1.51
UK Equity Growth	156.55	164.79†	+ 2.63	1.11
UK Index Trckg	172.07	181.60†	+ 2.91	2.72
Intl Index Trckg	174.75	184.43†	- 0.26	0.89
International	284.37	299.34	+ 0.29	0.64
European	257.77	271.34†	+ 2.32	0.25
Pan European	172.11	181.17	+ 1.25	1.21
Nth American	248.40	261.47	+ 2.36	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	252.87	266.18	+ 5.73	
Japanese	92.96	97.85	- 2.03	
Pacific	247.74	260.78	- 2.77	0.51
South East Asian	274.60	289.58†	- 3.45	0.73
Intl Bond	137.67	144.92	+ 0.30	4.16
Gilt & Convertible	111.02	116.86	+ 1.16	5.10
Property	84.09	88.52	+ 0.45	5.73
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	357.70	384.40	+ 1.90	0.15
-do- Accum	379.90	408.20	+ 2.00	0.15
Japan Inc	112.30	119.80†	- 2.10	.
Nth American Inc	144.30	153.60	+ 2.40	0.61
Worldwide Inc	180.60	194.20†	+ 0.70	0.03
Hong Kong Inc	178.80	192.20	+ 2.70	1.15
Swiss Equities Inc	89.36	95.56	+ 0.77	.
Wwide Bond Inc	67.52	71.40†	+ 0.46	4.82
Emgng Asia Inc	198.10	216.30	- 2.90	0.15
-do- Accum	198.80	217.10	- 2.90	0.15
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.37	50.37	+ 0.05	5.43
Thailand Inc	134.20	147.40	- 6.90	1.66
New Zealand Inc	99.54	107.00†	- 2.20	2.97
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	71.68	76.80	+ 0.48	1.85
Latin Am Cmp Inc	65.61	71.48	+ 1.12	0.57
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	71.94	73.06	+ 0.56	2.63
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	88.81	94.98†	+ 0.09	.
Global Portfolio	79.17	84.67	- 0.39	.
Global Opps	67.90	72.62	- 0.21	..
Marsh Global Grth	69.32	73.51	+ 1.31	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	110.20	118.00	+ 1.30	.
Temple Equity Inc	49.47	52.93	+ 0.83	4.20
Hartley Growth	113.20	120.40	+ 0.90	0.41
Intl Growth Inc	87.38	93.45†	- 0.21	0.68
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.78	100.30	+ 0.53	.
Premier Portfs Inc	72.07	77.08	+ 0.13	1.36
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.78	87.47	+ 0.06	0.65
International Strat	86.29	91.80	+ 0.28	.
UFC Growth	64.08	68.54	+ 0.26	
Clanfield Port of Fds	56.07	61.09	+ 0.20	...
Lowes Intl Growth	52.62	55.39	- 0.10	0.12
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	247.30	263.10	- 0.70	1.15
European Gth	131.60	139.40	+ 0.70	0.84
Income & Gth #	161.00	171.30†	+ 0.10	2.78
Japan Gth	111.50	118.60	- 1.80	.
Nth Amer Gth	221.10	235.20	+ 3.10	.
Overseas Gth	124.80	132.80	+ 0.30	0.86
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	283.20	301.20	+ 1.70	2.30
-do- Accum	619.80	659.30	+ 3.80	2.30
Growth	185.80	195.50	+ 1.30	2.60
Income	270.30	287.50†	- 4.60	3.57
Intl Equity	289.90	308.40†		0.58
-do- Accum	324.60	345.20	- 0.10	0.58
UK Income	75.25	80.05	+ 1.41	3.12
UK Intl 25	95.54	101.68	+ 0.50	1.84
New Europe	103.60	110.20	+ 0.40	0.17
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	702.97	751.71†	+ 4.38	0.44
-do- Accum	707.47	756.52	+ 6.24	0.44
Income	439.22	469.76†	+ 1.31	3.15
Wwide Recovery	468.91	501.51	+ 3.98	0.42
Amer Growth Inc	326.58	349.15	+ 4.60	0.01
-do- Accum	326.58	349.15	+ 4.60	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	302.23	323.25	+ 2.70	0.01
Far East Gth Inc	314.35	336.22	- 1.68	0.94
-do- Accum	315.51	337.45	- 1.69	0.94
Euro Gwth Inc	183.68	195.98	+ 2.43	0.54
-do- Accum	184.32	196.64	+ 2.44	0.54
UK Growth Inc	116.92	125.05	+ 1.56	2.62
-do- Accum	125.57	134.30	+ 1.68	2.62
High Income	115.38	123.41	+ 1.99	3.77
Jap Gwth Inc	202.97	217.09	- 6.18	0.33
-do- Accum	202.97	217.09	- 6.18	0.33
PEP Bond	53.91	56.34	+ 1.05	7.58
PEP Growth	148.42	158.68	+ 1.05	0.74
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	139.71	149.43	- 0.16	0.30
-do- Accum	140.85	149.79	- 0.15	0.30
Amer Smlr Co Inc	210.94	225.61	+ 1.80	0.01
-do- Accum	210.94	225.61	+ 1.80	0.01
Global Bond	57.05	60.11†	+ 0.57	5.23
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.06	117.72	+ 2.88	1.42
-do- Accum	117.24	125.40	+ 3.07	1.42
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3927				
American	146.34	155.68	+ 1.30	
European	95.18	101.25	+ 1.63	
Global	71.97	76.56	+ 0.35	
Pacific	62.59	66.58†	+ 0.13	
UK Inc & Gth	82.61	87.24†	+ 0.53	1.65
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 490				
Emerg Mkts	50.37	53.39	+ 0.08	0.98
Fund of Funds Inc	198.77	210.34	+ 1.22	0.52
Fund of Funds Acc	200.24	211.89	+ 1.22	0.57
High Income #	55.61	58.85†	+ 0.84	5.52
Performance	48.27	51.36	+ 0.24	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	179.30	190.75	+ 2.56	1.97
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	124.80	132.80	+ 1.20	3.19
Conv & Gilt	122.00	129.80†	+ 0.80	4.90
European Income	91.55	97.39	+ 0.71	3.82
Extra Income	186.50	198.80†	+ 2.00	4.47
-do- Accum	244.90	260.50	+ 2.50	4.47
Far East	423.10	450.10†	- 6.90	.
-do- Accum	431.90	459.50	- 7.10	.
Global Income	29.71	31.61	+ 0.28	3.79
High Income	143.90	153.10	+ 1.50	4.41
-do- Accum	181.50	193.10	+ 1.80	4.41
International	218.30	232.30	- 2.50	0.41
-do- Accum	227.60	242.10	- 1.10	0.41
Pref & Fxd Int	44.60	47.44	+ 0.98	7.59
Recovery	92.23	98.12	+ 0.76	2.13
Special Sits	152.50	162.20	+ 2.80	1.27
-do- Accum	169.00	179.70	+ 3.10	1.27
Technology	727.00	773.40	- 9.30	
UK Blue Chip	90.87	96.67†	+ 0.89	2.91
-do- Accum	106.40	113.20	+ 1.00	2.91
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.88	48.56†	- 0.01	1.69
Cash Haven Inc	101.40	101.89†	+ 0.07	4.69
Cash Haven Acc	119.67	119.45	+ 0.09	4.69
Dist Trust Inc	108.51	112.45†	+ 0.74	5.80
Dist Trust Acc	121.61	126.02	+ 0.83	5.80
Global Growth	108.20	115.11†	+ 0.34	1.28
Equity Inc	90.87	96.67†	+ 0.34	4.67
Equity	901.60	959.36	+ 6.97	2.43
European	275.49	285.48	+ 0.80	0.86
High Income	93.82	99.81	+ 0.86	5.25
Intl Gth	227.77	242.31†	+ 0.43	1.21
Intl Sm Co	100.58	107.00†	+ 0.30	0.45
Japanese	215.64	223.48†	- 5.16	
Nth Amer	244.86	253.69†	+ 2.71	1.32
Pacific Mkts	120.99	125.38†	- 0.36	0.65
Premier Inc	49.34	51.36†	+ 0.38	6.58
Sm Cos	114.58	121.89	+ 0.70	1.76
Spec Sits	129.78	138.06†	+ 0.68	2.65
UK Growth	150.74	160.36†	+ 1.42	2.16
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	84.48	88.83†	+ 1.22	3.76
Investment Trust	118.29	124.38†	+ 1.32	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	110.09	115.76	+ 0.55	1.20
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
Britsh Life	348.80	369.90	+ 1.60	3.38
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	687.97	731.24†	+ 6.37	0.26
America (Acc)	806.24	856.94	+ 7.61	0.26
Amer Smlr Cos	61.86	66.13	+ 0.57	
Asia	55.66	59.78	- 0.20	
European	426.59	451.95	+ 2.52	0.43
Japan	233.08	247.91	- 7.91	.
Jap Smllr Cos	41.03	43.78	- 0.85	
Major UK Cos	120.75	128.77	+ 0.97	1.88
Smllr UK Cos	410.64	447.41†	+ 1.43	1.05
UK Equity Inc	189.79	202.90	+ 1.85	4.32
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	52.30	54.66	+ 0.45	
Cash	48.37	50.38	+ 0.02	2.88
Emerging Mkts	49.86	52.07	+ 0.21	.
Europe	63.53	66.34	+ 0.49	.
Global Fixed Int #	52.50	54.83	+ 0.24	5.65
Japan	43.15	45.06	- 0.77	
North America	72.53	75.74	+ 1.22	.
UK	66.47	69.42	+ 0.68	0.48
UK Equity Inc #	63.08	65.87	+ 0.59	4.01
UK Fixed Int #	52.11	54.40	+ 0.56	7.28
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gro Port	52.83	54.74	+ 0.47	.
Pep Inc Port #	51.39	53.25	+ 0.46	4.17
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.38	95.13	+ 0.08	
Gilt	102.38	107.76	+ 0.98	
Managed	120.48	126.81	+ 0.70	
Portfolio	51.87	54.60	+ 0.44	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	126.00	133.90†	+ 0.90	0.23
Pacific Basin	83.28	89.35†	- 0.54	0.25
High Inc Dist	161.00	172.00†	+ 2.70	3.84
Ryl Life Ins Ctrey	65.01	68.66†	+ 0.57	3.77
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	80.21	85.45	- 0.23	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	75.08	79.87	- 0.10	
UK Emerging Cos	143.20	153.70	+ 0.20	1.35
UK Index Trckg	204.00	216.80	+ 2.90	3.44
European	175.90	188.00	+ 2.00	0.25
Managed	184.10	197.90	+ 1.30	1.00
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	203.10	216.90	+ 1.30	1.31
European Growth	142.20	150.70†	+ 1.30	1.94
Far East Growth	148.20	157.70	+ 1.80	0.85
Japan Growth	128.70	136.80	- 1.90	0.22
Special Sits	250.90	266.90†	- 1.00	1.92
UK Growth	104.20	110.80	+ 1.50	2.87
Triton General	292.80	311.50†	- 2.00	1.76
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	177.80	188.20	- 0.70	0.72
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	428.60	453.90	+ 3.40	0.51
-do- Accum	669.80	708.80	+ 5.30	0.51
Growth Inc	159.70	169.00	+ 1.30	0.90
-do- Accum	164.20	173.80	+ 1.30	0.90
International Inc	420.00	444.40	+ 4.90	2.04
-do- Accum	581.20	615.00	+ 6.90	2.04
Nth Am & Intl Inc	414.50	438.60	+ 0.90	0.22
UK Gen Prog Inc	259.50	274.60	+ 3.90	1.24
-do- Accum	297.20	314.50	+ 4.40	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	150.30	159.00	+ 1.00	4.56
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	125.46	133.48	+ 1.08	0.75
European Gwth	93.26	99.21	+ 0.29	1.00
Global Bd	62.04	65.60†	+ 0.31	5.00
Japan	54.41	57.88	- 1.12	..
UK Gwth	91.48	97.31	+ 0.62	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 828 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	92.68	98.57	+ 0.09	3.06
Amer Smllr Cos	157.80	167.90		
Capital Portfolio	160.60	170.90	+ 2.00	0.50
Cash	135.20	135.20†	+ 0.10	5.19
China Dragon	66.43	70.67	+ 0.77	1.27
Commodity	154.30	164.20	+ 0.80	.
Emerging Mkts	37.81	40.22	- 0.12	0.30
Energy Inds	182.40	194.00	+ 3.80	
European Gwth	245.00	260.60	+ 1.60	0.26
Euro Inc & Gwth #	98.10	104.40	+ 0.70	1.81
Euro Smllr Cos	75.44	80.25	+ 0.49	0.23
Exempt Income #	160.70	163.80	+ 2.10	3.52
Extra Income #	57.88	59.76	+ 0.62	5.85
Far Eastern	111.90	119.00	- 1.50	.
FE Sm Cos	45.20	48.09	- 0.55	..
Financial Secs	314.10	334.10	+ 4.20	0.76
Gold & Exploration	110.90	118.00	- 0.90	.
Growth	453.10	455.40	+ 2.70	1.68
High Income #	50.08	58.08	+ 0.62	7.22
High Yield #	266.10	283.10†	+ 2.40	2.56
Intl Bond	168.00	177.50†	+ 0.30	5.75
ITU	243.60	259.10†	+ 1.00	0.94
Income #	136.70	145.40	+ 1.30	3.52
Japan Growth	177.50	188.80†	- 5.10	.
Japan Smaller	195.80	208.30	- 6.40	.
Korea	49.39	52.54	- 2.58	
Latin America	41.83	44.50	+ 0.48	0.76
Mastertrust	66.93	67.27	- 0.01	0.94
Premier Eq Gth	165.00	175.50	+ 2.00	1.00
Premier Eq Inc #	370.50	394.10	+ 5.00	3.91
Scotyields #	289.10	307.60†	+ 4.00	2.26
Select Intl	160.00	170.20†	.	0.67
Smaller Cos Inc #	266.20	283.20†	+ 0.40	3.17
SE Asia	52.05	55.37	- 0.21	0.35
Southern Africa	58.32	62.04	+ 0.20	1.31
UK & O'seas	203.10	216.10	+ 1.40	1.03
UK Eqty Gth	83.45	88.78	+ 1.05	1.38
UK Eqty Inc #	261.70	278.40	+ 2.80	4.24
Uk Gth & Inc #	299.20	318.30	+ 5.00	3.33
UK Sm Cos	61.47	65.39	- 0.07	1.26
US Growth	222.00	236.20	+ 1.00	.
Univ Growth	163.80	174.30	+ 0.80	0.70
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	352.23	372.65	+ 6.33	0.66
-do- Accum	388.48	411.00	+ 6.98	0.66
European Gwth	93.76	99.33	+ 0.93	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	115.46	122.52	+ 0.98	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	110.45	117.81	- 1.39	.
-do- Accum	112.58	120.08	- 1.42	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	53.01	55.85†	+ 0.80	7.58
Global Bond #	51.44	53.15	+ 0.15	6.31
-do- Accum #	61.28	63.32	+ 0.18	6.31
Global Emer Mkts	57.05	60.85†	+ 0.08	.
-do- Accum	57.10	60.91†	+ 0.09	.
Income #	422.16	450.30†	+ 3.38	4.86
-do- Accum #	£14.29	£15.25†	+11.38	4.86
Japan Smlr Cos	427.46	455.95	- 8.04	.
-do- Accum	428.31	456.86	- 8.05	.
Japan Enterprise	64.20	68.47†	- 1.50	.
Pacific Gwth	163.88	174.78	+ 1.62	0.67
-do- Accum	169.74	181.04	+ 1.67	0.67
Portfolio	97.30	103.71	+ 0.64	1.77
-do- Accum	108.22	115.34	+ 0.71	1.77
Seoul	42.62	45.46	- 1.80	.
-do- Accum	42.62	45.46	- 1.80	.
Smaller Cos	325.80	347.51	+ 1.44	0.64
Strategic Inc	103.82	110.64	+ 1.59	2.20
Strategic Acc	104.69	111.57	+ 1.61	2.20
Tokyo	125.82	133.99†	- 2.67	.
-do- Accum	126.89	135.34†	- 2.70	.
UK Enterprise	346.33	369.41	+ 6.54	2.14
-do- Accum	427.97	456.51	+ 8.09	2.14
UK Equity	310.15	330.82	+ 3.17	2.45
-do- Accum	626.88	668.67	+ 6.40	2.45
US Smllr Cos	238.53	254.43	+ 4.96	
-do- Accum	238.53	254.43	+ 4.96	...
Institutional Funds				
European	296.50	307.37	+ 0.71	1.41
-do- Accum	334.84	347.11	+ 0.80	1.41
Euro Smlr Cos	38.37	39.90	+ 0.34	1.08
-do- Accum	41.29	42.93	+ 0.37	1.08
Global Equity Inc	94.49	98.42	- 0.63	0.67
Japan Smlr Cos	37.44	38.99	- 0.73	0.10
-do- Accum	37.80	39.37	- 0.74	0.10
Mngd Balanced	229.81	239.38†	+ 1.79	3.17
-do- Accum	270.06	281.30†	+ 2.10	3.17
Overseas Equity	224.96	234.32	- 0.36	1.84
-do- Accum	235.96	245.79	- 1.01	1.04
Oseas Smlr Cos	151.00	157.29†	- 0.03	0.95
-do- Accum	159.75	166.40†	- 0.03	0.95
Pacific	290.77	302.31	+ 1.21	1.42
-do- Accum	321.74	335.14	+ 1.35	1.42
Recovery	£24.07	£25.07	+10.07	2.88
-do- Accum	£26.48	£27.59	+11.08	2.88
Intl Index	189.78	197.68†	+ 2.97	3.36
-do- Accum	244.56	254.75†	+ 3.83	3.36
UK Small Cos	145.34	151.39†	+ 0.19	2.31
-do- Accum	161.35	168.06†	+ 0.21	2.31
US Smllr Cos	68.84	71.70	+ 1.28	0.65
-do- Accum	70.49	73.43	+ 1.32	0.65
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	60.35	63.82	+ 0.87	3.01
Equity Trust	78.68	83.20	+ 1.05	2.79
Equity Strategy	92.39	97.70	+ 0.94	1.28
European Opps	107.79	113.99	+ 0.95	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	80.66	85.30	- 0.27	0.81
Maximum Inc	95.80	101.37	+ 0.09	5.33
Japanese	78.14	82.63	- 2.02	.
Asia Pacific	126.20	133.46	- 0.31	0.39
American	136.75	144.61	+ 1.15	0.21
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.30	33.30	+ 0.03	5.21
UK General Inc	63.47	67.69†	+ 0.38	3.25
-do- Accum	86.13	91.85†	+ 0.45	3.25
Intl Income	294.30	313.861	- 3.76	1.62
-do- Accum	520.44	554.15†	- 2.14	1.62
European	104.08	110.72	+ 0.47	1.90
Japan	66.94	70.93	- 1.61	0.03
American	98.56	104.21	+ 0.93	1.55
Far East	91.58	97.69	- 0.55	1.44
Ethical Inc	41.49	44.37	+ 0.49	1.72
UK Blue Chip Inc	40.80	43.55†	+ 0.51	3.12
High Inc Inc	42.30	45.12	+ 0.16	3.81
UK Dividend Inc	48.41	51.59†	+ 0.08	1.96
Wrlde Tact	82.26	87.75	+ 0.07	1.13
Europe 2000 Tact	72.07	76.56	+ 0.24	1.42
Technology	161.25	171.71	+ 0.33	0.88
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	492.00	524.40	- 4.30	2.65
American	360.00	381.50	+ 1.90	0.42
Pacific	418.30	445.20	+ 5.80	0.22
European	699.40	748.00	+ 3.40	1.08
Worldwide	104.10	111.30	- 0.40	0.62
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	337.60	359.20	- 4.20	1.98
-do- Accum	442.30	470.60	- 5.40	1.98
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	284.30	302.50	+ 0.90	1.01
-do- Accum	341.70	372.10	+ 1.00	1.01
Select Opptnty Inc	85.60	91.65†	+ 0.63	1.80
Income Plus Inc	83.21	88.53†	+ 0.98	3.12
European Inc	441.50	469.20†	- 3.20	0.94
-do- Accum	508.90	540.80†	- 1.90	0.94
Far Eastern Inc	184.80	196.60†	- 2.70	0.79
-do- Accum	214.30	228.00†	- 1.80	0.79
Japanese Inc	60.53	64.49†	- 1.62	.
Nth American Inc	364.20	359.80†	+ 0.50	0.28
-do- Accum	364.20	387.30†	+ 0.50	0.28
Intl Growth Inc	234.30	249.30	- 1.50	0.3
Wwide Venture Inc	96.80	103.00†	+ 0.20	0.2
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	458.00	488.40	+ 1.80	2.2
-do- Accum	702.10	749.90	+10.70	2.2
UK High Inc	217.50	232.00	- 0.40	2.5
-do- Accum	336.90	359.40	+ 5.00	2.5
Europe Inc	482.30	514.40	+ 4.70	0.5
Nth Amer Inc	340.30	362.90	+ 4.60	
Global Inc	266.60	284.40		0.16
Global Acc	288.50	307.70		0.16
UK Spec Sits Inc	132.10	140.80	+ 0.70	1.6
South East Asia	239.90	255.90	- 1.80	0.1
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40	+ 0.18	5.05
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.90	134.30	+ 0.70	1.52
-do- Accum	132.30	141.10	+ 0.60	1.52
Intl Bond Inc	95.20	101.10	+ 0.10	5.25
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	163.90	172.50	+ 1.10	0.71
Nth American	146.10	153.80	+ 1.20	0.05
Intl Bond & Conv	131.40	138.30	+ 1.30	6.44
Pooled Pension (T)	240.50	258.60†	+ 2.40	2.81
Smaller Cos	118.60	124.80		0.71
UK General #	168.90	177.80	+ 1.40	2.12
Far Eastern	98.33	103.50†	- 0.70	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8220				
UK Equity Inc ‡	110.79	‡	- 1.08	4.86
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.52	‡	- 0.97	4.79
Preferred Income ‡	108.25	‡	- 0.71	3.90
Tai Pan ‡	107.08	‡	+ 1.62	
Aztec ‡	68.98	‡	+ 0.92	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	133.56	‡	- 1.51	
European ‡	167.64	‡	+ 1.37	.
Global Bond ‡	90.18	‡	- 2.40	7.52
Samurai ‡	57.52	‡	- 0.54	
UK Growth ‡	111.53	‡	- 0.42	2.59
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.95	‡	- 1.32	2.49
Investment Trust ‡	116.02	‡	- 0.83	1.42
Roll Up ‡	96.15			
Glob Gwth PEP	79.57	84.64	+ 0.59	1.12
Inv Trust PEP	59.37	63.15	+ 1.86	2.45
Pref Inc PEP #	104.00	110.60†	- 1.40	6.06
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	462.50	489.40	- 1.30	
Capital	149.30	158.60	+ 1.50	1.08
Cash	100.20	100.20†	+ 0.08	5.18
European	167.50	177.20	+ 2.50	0.61
Far Eastern	165.00	174.60†	+ 2.10	
Growth	167.20	176.90	+ 2.30	0.91
Income #	137.20	145.20†	+ 2.20	4.92
Magnum	157.70	166.90	+ 1.40	1.11
Smllr Secs	548.00	579.90†	- 2.00	0.25
Thoroughbred	183.50	196.60†	+ 0.90	1.00
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Prinance	57.61	61.61	+ 0.31	7.00
Ethical	82.66	88.62†	+ 0.08	0.59
European Growth	83.20	88.22	+ 0.58	1.19
Income	63.20	67.59	+ 0.25	3.70
Intl Growth	115.60	122.50	+ 0.18	1.22
Managed	96.05	101.60	+ 0.59	1.96
UK Growth	78.66	84.12	+ 0.07	1.78
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	47.55	47.79	+ 0.39	1.44
Global Advtg Acc	51.83	52.09	+ 0.43	1.44
Income Advtg Inc	38.12	36.31†	+ 0.37	2.86
Income Advtg Acc	42.33	42.56	+ 0.44	2.86
UK Equity Gth Acc	101.00	107.10	+ 0.70	0.81
Premier Inc Inc	49.52	52.13†	+ 0.58	7.94
Premier Inc Acc	53.09	55.88	+ 0.62	7.84
Managed Acc	64.04	67.89	+ 0.65	1.25
UK Eq Hr Inc Inc	41.40	43.89†	- 0.37	3.76
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	55.22	58.54	+ 0.60	3.70
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	79.86	84.86	+ 1.15	1.96
UK Equity Gen Inc	57.19	60.77†	+ 0.82	1.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.74	33.57†	- 0.60	6.62
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	374.90	406.80	+ 1.50	1.43
Nth American Acc	61.03	64.85	+ 1.24	
Pacific Basin	46.35	49.25	- 0.01	0.39
European Acc	62.31	66.21	+ 0.66	0.58
Japan Acc	27.12	28.82	- 0.37	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NCS)	4.602	4.889	+ 0.05	1.84
US Eqts (US$)	3.335	3.541†	+ 0.02	0.81
Far East Eqts (yen)	273.70	290.70†	+ 1.90	
FT Europe	155.60	165.30†	+ 0.50	
FT N Amer (US$)	2.576	2.737†	+ 0.02	
FT Japan (yen)	239.80	254.20†	+ 4.70	
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.900	3.080†	+ 0.02	0.54
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	556.40	591.30	+10.30	
British #	1306.50	1382.30†	+14.90	3.80
Emrgng Mkts	166.10	176.90	+ 0.30	0.78
Euro Small Co	63.31	67.43†	- 0.82	0.60
Japan	132.10	140.20	- 3.90	
New Pacific	442.70	471.50	- 5.30	1.11
-do- Accum	476.30	507.30	- 5.70	1.11
Inv Trust Acc	308.20	326.70	+ 2.90	1.20
Mngd Equity	209.70	221.90	+ 1.30	1.78
Mngd Cash	95.39	95.39†	- 0.92	5.11
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1112.00	1189.00	+10.00	2.38
North America	209.40	224.00	+ 3.30	.
Far East	172.20	184.20	- 0.70	1.36
Wwide Bond	59.54	63.23†	- 1.23	4.65
European	139.20	148.90†	+ 0.40	0.52
Equity Income #	110.20	117.90	+ 1.00	4.72
Portfolio	112.90	120.70	+ 0.60	1.72
UK Leading Cos	79.58	84.89	+ 0.88	2.81
High Inc Bond	51.01	51.12	+ 0.39	6.3
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	79.00	84.49	+ 0.47	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.17	25.72†	+ 0.05	0.87
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.97	102.10†	+ 0.98	7.35
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	100.14	106.54†	+ 1.02	7.35
European	49.62	52.79	+ 0.11	0.86
High Income	35.43	37.70†	- 0.62	3.92
Japan	34.60	36.81†	- 0.97	0.01
Managed Assets	147.17	157.41	+ 1.00	2.44
North American	47.00	50.00†	+ 0.33	0.49
Smlr Co's Inc	37.92	40.35		1.69
Smlr Co's Acc	41.31	43.95		1.69
UK Growth Inc	65.64	69.84	+ 0.40	2.56
UK Growth Acc	73.94	78.67†	+ 0.45	2.56
UK Income	46.16	49.37	+ 0.30	3.32
Worldwide Gth	42.00	44.93	- 0.01	0.82
SLCAM				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.97	33.99	- 0.06	1.56
European Exmpt	99.30	102.38†	+ 0.43	1.47
Japan Exempt	29.06	29.96†	- 0.81	
US Exmpt	99.20	102.27†	- 0.02	
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	58.85	62.61†	+ 0.29	
Cap Protector Inc	48.71	51.82†	- 0.24	2.83
UK Income Inc	62.02	65.98	+ 0.64	3.22
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.58	37.62†	- 0.32	6.55
Mngd High Yld Inc	90.90	96.710	+ 1.05	4.49
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	89.23	94.93	+ 0.96	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	42.17	44.86†	+ 0.37	1.69
Pacific Grth Port	52.91	56.29	+ 0.43	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	320.72	339.30	+ 5.43	.
-do- Accum	353.26	373.82	+ 5.98	.
Brit Growth	121.56	128.64†	+ 1.76	1.70
-do- Accum	152.04	160.89†	+ 2.20	1.70
European	129.70	137.25	+ 0.75	0.49
-do- Accum	138.53	146.60	+ 0.80	0.49
Extra Income #	207.95	220.05†	+ 1.36	5.65
-do- Accum #	382.46	404.72†	+ 2.51	5.65
Smaller Cos	93.58	99.02†	+ 0.45	0.64
-do- Accum	107.29	113.53†	+ 0.51	0.64
General	361.61	382.65	+ 4.42	1.97
-do- Accum	772.88	817.87	+ 9.45	1.97
Premier Income	52.17	54.34	+ 0.62	6.78
-do- Accum	129.83	135.03	+ 1.55	6.78
Income	381.91	404.14	+ 3.45	3.17
-do- Accum	883.65	935.08	+ 7.96	3.17
Pacific	437.71	463.18	+ 2.16	0.07
-do- Accum	459.92	486.69	+ 2.28	0.07
International	650.65	688.52	+ 0.11	0.10
-do- Accum	857.32	907.22	+ 0.14	0.10
Nat Resources	201.53	213.26†	+ 5.20	0.34
Sictd Opps	130.11	137.69†	+ 1.35	1.16
-do- Accum	171.89	181.89†	+ 1.78	1.16
Environmental Inv	80.29	84.96	+ 0.86	1.12
Selector	76.15	80.58	+ 0.66	1.47
-do- Accum	88.06	93.18	+ 0.77	1.47
High Income	70.02	74.09	+ 0.58	4.21
-do- Accum	95.06	100.59	+ 0.68	4.21
Intl Income	64.00	67.73†	+ 0.35	4.79
-do- Accum	85.53	90.51†	+ 0.47	4.79
Selector Income	68.13	72.09	+ 0.59	4.39
-do- Accum	84.83	89.76	+ 0.69	4.39
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	411.74	433.41†	+ 3.62	2.50
European	75.77	79.34	+ 0.61	1.2
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	238.21	256.41	+ 1.22	2.17
Glob Balncd Inc	196.68	210.35†	- 3.65	3.75
Value Tst Inc	148.02	158.31	- 0.06	1.6
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.42	46.29	- 0.07	5.70
European Growth	351.72	367.76	- 2.77	1.00
Exempt	679.79	710.45†	- 2.90	3.30
Global Em Mkts	85.33	89.35	+ 0.03	0.50
Japan Tst	77.29	80.93	- 2.00	
Little Dragons	99.96	104.67	- 0.02	
Nth Amer Gwth	300.58	314.74	- 0.03	0.50
Oriental Income #	47.33	49.56†	- 0.36	3.68
Preference	128.63	134.69†	- 3.38	8.80
Tiger	305.65	320.05	- 1.45	
UK Blue Chip	79.37	83.10	+ 1.03	1.69
UK Growth	668.84	708.35†	- 4.08	1.00
UK High Yield #	114.95	120.36†	- 1.23	5.70
UK Mid-Cap	331.02	346.61	- 2.57	1.70
UK Smlr Cos	134.73	141.07	- 3.60	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	93.78	98.19	- 0.74	5.80
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	114.37	121.67	+ 0.54	5.20
UK Equity Growth	103.34	109.94†	+ 0.04	2.85
European	78.81	83.84†	+ 0.35	1.02
Nth American	89.46	95.17	+ 0.40	0.32
Far Eastern	79.78	84.87	- 0.56	0.97
Money	71.64	71.64	+ 0.05	4.59
Fixed Interest #	80.59	85.73	+ 0.56	7.47
Index Linked Gilt	72.80	77.45	+ 0.58	1.30
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	105.21	105.21	- 1.35	6.72
UK Index Tracking @	132.58	132.50†	+ 2.11	2.74
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	28.02	29.49	- 0.73	
Pacific Basin	43.06	45.32	- 0.38	
Global Bond (US$)	0.8954	0.9327	+ 0.00	
Penny Share	46.13	48.55	- 0.04	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	95.79	99.33	- 0.45	7.40
Short Dtd Gilt	125.06	126.60	+ 0.30	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7819	0.7921	+ 0.00	
Gilt Income	52.09	54.21†	+ 0.34	6.00
Gilt Growth	77.99	81.16	+ 0.40	
Sterling Bond	49.73	51.57†	+ 0.39	6.7
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	56.73	60.22	+ 0.54	1.35
UK Stockmarket	105.80	112.50	+ 2.00	2.45
Corporate Bd Inc	48.89	49.04	+ 0.65	6.68
Do Accum	50.46	50.61	+ 0.67	6.60

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend ‡ Middle price. No significant data # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
456	419	Allied Domecq	445	-½	6.6	16.2
[illegible]	477	Bulmer (HP)	495	-2½	2.3	15.6
[illegible]	81	Burn Stewart	83	+1½	2.2	17.9
775	615	Glenmorangie A	755		2.0	15.3
491½	411	Grand Met	477	-4	4.8	20.3
493	435	Guinness	454		4.7	15.9
378	315	Highland Dist	345	-½	2.9	[illegible]
390	277½	Matthew Clark	349	+5½	3.7	16.6
141	93	Minmet W	115		5.0	[illegible]
2417½	1606½	SA Breweries	1650		2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3634¾	+25	3.7	12.9
663	528	Abbey Natl	609	+7	4.9	11.3
385	315	Allied Irish	382½		4.7	11.0
377½	285	Aus New Z	371½	+3½	5.6	9.1
5443¾	3843¾	Bank America	5412½	+50		
316	227½	Bank Scotland	276	+9½	3.7	10.3
966½	683	Barclays	964½	+16½	3.6	10.5
509½	413	Bk of Ireland	509	+1	3.7	11.7
482	379	Cater Allen	385		9.7	11.4
5668¾	4031¾	Citicorp	5667½			
392	307½	Close Bros	328	+6	3.9	13.2
1575	1316½	Commerzbk	1446¼		3.5	
1350	1068¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1075		0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	2981½	-25	2.2	
806½	593½	Espirito Santo	796½		2.4	10.9
1507	1177½	Fuji Bank Y	1305½	-7½	0.4	
472	310	Gerrard Natl	371½	-1	9.2	9.9
267½	196	Hambros	260	-1	3.6	
1243½	921	HSBC	1242	+5	3.8	11.5
1213	930	HSBC HK	1211½	+4½	3.9	11.5
463½	385	Irish Perm	462½		3.1	12.1
177	143	[illegible]	162½		6.9	14.1
458	405	Leopold J	455		6.4	16.5
401	294½	Lloyds TSB	390½	-3½	3.6	16.5
653	566	Nat Aust Bk	626		7.0	6.0
711	605½	Nat West	703	+7	4.7	10.0
67	49½	Rea Brothers	65		1.9	[illegible]
596	464	Ryl Bk Scot	579½	+8½	4.9	[illegible]
1462½	1185	Schroders	1437½	+27½	1.5	15.3
1155	890	Schroders N/V	1155	-27½	1.9	13.1
134	99½	Singer & Fried	127½		2.2	9.4
[illegible]	547	Stand Chart	690	-9	2.2	13.5
[illegible]	85½	Union	104½	-½	2.6	[illegible]
£174¼	£131⅛	Wells Fargo	£164¼		2.0	
336	264	Westpac	331¼	+2	4.3	10.2
360	268	Woolwich	345		4.5	17.3

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
785	656	Hyder	727	+1½	6.7	10.5
109	96	Hyder Cm Pf	104¾	+½	9.4	
605	420	Mid Kent Hldgs	597½		5.0	10.3
688	518	Severn Trent	596½	+1½	8.8	6.7
2725	2375	South Staffs	2715		3.5	14.3
731	488	South West	694½	-½	5.5	8.9
1072½	652	Southern	1050	-15	3.8	11.9
599	529	Thames	564½	+6	6.3	7.6
633	529	Utd Utilities	577½		8.2	11.6
374	295	Wessex	356½	+2	5.3	7.1
791	583	Yorkshire	641½	+1½	6.0	9.8

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
87½	18	Abacus Recruit	85½	-2		
213	95	Cafe Inns	154	+2½	1.9	12.7
127½	58	Country Gdns	112½	-2½	1.5	11.6
1700	860	Dawson Hldgs	1600		2.5	14.7
37¼	14	Freepages	35			
117	92	Megalomedia	98½	-5		
475	22½	Memory Corp	55½	+½		
170	85½	Old English Pub	166		0.8	72.5
445	292½	Pet City	332½	+2½		
585	520	Southern Newsp	524		4.2	
79½	50	Southern Vectis	75½		3.1	17.5
340	122	Surrey Fr Inns	340	+3½	0.8	
79½	46	Trocadero	51	-1½		

Source: FT Information

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]		9.96	5.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		6.93	5.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		12.98	5.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		10.32	5.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.54	5.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		13.73	5.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]		9.33	5.99
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.13	6.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.75	5.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996-01	[illegible]		12.51	6.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	117		13.25	6.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		10.81	6.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]		8.92	6.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]		10.83	6.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]		9.58	6.45
[illegible]	96	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]		6.06	6.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]		9.29	6.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]		8.39	6.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]		7.65	6.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]		10.77	6.69
114	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]		8.94	6.81

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]		6.97	6.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]		8.64	7.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]		7.63	7.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]		8.66	7.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]		9.81	6.92
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]		4.16	6.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]		8.38	7.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]		6.97	7.26
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]		7.89	7.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]		8.37	7.33
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]		9.68	7.19
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	[illegible]			7.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]		7.57	7.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]		7.72	7.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]		9.57	7.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]		7.91	7.47
[illegible]	105	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]		8.07	7.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]		7.79	7.58

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]		7.13	7.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]		8.07	7.67
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]		8.08	7.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]		6.76	7.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]		7.81	7.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]		7.76	7.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]			7.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]		7.97	7.78
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]		8.59	7.77
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tr 8% 2021	[illegible]		7.79	7.79

UNDATED

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]		7.86	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]		7.86	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%	[illegible]		8.10	

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]		0.36	2.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]		2.63	3.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]		2.90	3.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]		2.96	3.33
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]		3.12	3.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]		3.23	3.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]		3.30	3.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]		3.35	3.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]		3.41	3.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]		3.46	3.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]		3.45	3.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]		3.45	3.59

Missile, nearside, heads the betting for the Tote Cambridgeshire, one of the season's most competitive handicaps, at Newmarket today

Kammtarra to carry on good work

By Richard Evans
RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE bookmakers' nightmare which began with Coastal Bluff in the Ladbroke (Ayr) Gold Cup two weeks ago and continued with Frankie Dettori's historic seven winners at Ascot last week can be completed this afternoon in the Tote Cambridgeshire at Newmarket.

Imagine a horse considered good enough in the spring to have entries for the Derby, the St James's Palace Stakes, the Eclipse Stakes and the King Edward VII Stakes, and who after two victories this term is let loose on his handicap debut with just nine stone — and is priced around 11-1.

If that was not sufficient encouragement for backing Kammtarra, his breeding is out of the top draw — he is a half-brother to Lammtarra, last season's Derby, King George and Arc winner. For good measure, the form of his last race, in which he beat Ali-Royal at Doncaster, has worked out exceptionally well. The runner-up, unlucky not to win the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot, won a good conditions race at Bath last Monday by 12 lengths.

The reason for what appears to be Kammtarra's lenient handicap mark for this afternoon's 40-runner charge down the Rowley Mile is simple. Despite showing sufficient ability on the Newmarket gallops in the spring to merit the host of group one entries, the Zilzal colt disappointed in his first two races, when he pulled too hard and refused to settle.

The Godolphin representative had his sights lowered and duly opened his account in a Windsor maiden when making all the running to win by nine lengths. However, the key to his chance today stems from his more relaxed racing style, which saw him settle off the pace at Doncaster before bursting clear.

With a strong pace guaranteed today, Kammtarra should be in his element, especially as there ought to be plenty of pace among horses drawn near him towards the stands rail.

Given the nature of this nine-furlong race, there is no shortage of fancied horses and my short-list includes Clifton Fox and Almond Rock (both would appreciate any overnight rain), Angus-G, Sharpical, and, above all, Crown Court, who has been laid out for this race. However, **Kammtarra** looks a smashing bet.

Away from the gaze of the television cameras, a combination of large fields and soft ground makes the Haydock card far from friendly, although the two maiden races hold some appeal. **Queen's Pageant** (1.40) has run well behind Moonshine Girl at Sandown and Tycoon Todd at York on her two starts. Being by the soft ground loving Risk Me, she should relish the conditions underfoot and can open her account.

Listed Account (5.00) can step up on a sympathetic introduction at Sandown 18 days ago when she lost several lengths at the start before finishing to good effect. Luca Cumani has his string in particularly good form.

Progressive Eva Luna can remain unbeaten

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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2.55: Miss Tahiti has solid form claims on her second to Sil Sila in the French Oaks and close fourth to My Emma in the Prix Vermeille last month. However, she may be at her best on easier ground and is stepping back in trip. Last Second, best when fresh, has an obvious chance on her Coronation Stakes second and Nassau Stakes victory, but her stable is not in top form. **Distant Oasis** has improved with every run, despite winning only once, and will almost certainly improve over today's longer trip.

3.35: see left.

4.10: Much as I would love to see Further Flight win this race for a sixth time, it has been a struggle for Barry Hills to get his popular veteran ready and others make more appeal. Celeric is a favourite of mine but he may just have had enough for this season after chasing home Double Trigger in the Doncaster Cup. The unbeaten **Eva Luna** has the most scope for improvement, having raced only three times, and Henry Cecil's progressive filly impressed when winning the Park Hill Stakes.

4.45: The betting market is likely to be more use than the form book in finding the winner here, given the number of newcomers. Polish Romance and Blueygreen are interesting but the racecourse experience of **Elegant Warning** tips the scales in her favour.

CHEPSTOW
BBC1

2.15: Iffeee beat Certain Angle at Worcester a week ago and is capable of confirming the form on 6lb worse terms. However, **Tartan Tradewinds** could be called the winner some way out at Worcester three weeks ago and can defy top weight.

2.50: **Yubralee** improved when second to Prizefighter at Huntingdon after a three-month break and can cope with this step up in class. Faustino appears best on right-handed courses, while Hand Woven could appreciate further.

3.25: Call Equiname was the best of these over hurdles but there is nothing like experience over fences in novice chases at this time of year and **Sonic Star** gets the vote to improve on a quick treble.

Richard Evans

LONGCHAMP
BBC1

2.00: André Fabre runs the listed winners Otaiti and Vadsa Honor but Binary, his third representative, looks the pick after a narrow defeat over ten furlongs last time. She will appreciate this longer trip. Zafzala's staying-on second in the Prix Vermeille (later demoted for interference) represents solid form. She has Haramayda to set the pace, but that will play into **Camporese**'s hands. She has been crying out for a decent gallop on soft ground.

3.10: Double Trigger folded tamely in this contest 12 months ago, when Always Earnest and Moonax disputed the finish on testing ground. With similar conditions expected, he and Moonax are worth opposing. Always Aloof had Kassani and Nononito behind when triumphing here over an extended 15 furlongs but a chance is taken on **Camp David.** Germany's top stayer had Grey Shot more than seven lengths in arreas when scoring at Baden-Baden in June.

3.45: The sub-standard turnout lends encouragement to the belief that **Flemensfirth** can defy a lengthy absence. He landed this event 12 months ago and can take advantage of his favoured surface. Manzoni, a recent French import from Germany, looks the danger despite a below-par performance last time. Martiniquais has prospects if returning to his best.

Julian Muscat

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KAMMTARRA
(3.35 Newmarket)
Next best: Queen's Pageant
(1.40 Haydock Park)

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.50 Sarayir	3.35 North Song
2.20 **RICASSO** (nap)	4.10 Eva Luna
2.55 Flame Valley	4.45 Polish Romance
	5.20 Northern Judge

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 **GAME PLOY.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 Missile. 4.10 **EVA LUNA** (nap). 4.45 Polish Romance.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

1.50 OH SO SHARP STAKES
(Listed race. 2-Y-O fillies: £9,279: 7f) (8 runners)

101	(4)	01	ATTITRE 11 (F) (R Pledger) C Brittain 8-9	M Roberts	82
102	(7)	10	CAERFILLY DANCER 21 (F) (Fenway Ltd) R Akehurst 8-9	T Quinn	80
103	(6)	203131	DANCING DROP 30 (F) (M Suhail) R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill	90
104	(8)	11022	FERNANDA 41 (B,F,G) (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Dunlop 8-9	T Sprake	91
105	(2)	251042	HALOWING 15 (F) (R Trontz) P Kelleway 8-9	D R McCabe	87
106	(3)	1	IDRICA 25 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9	Pat Eddery	70
107	(1)	31115	SAMBAC 14 (F,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9	W Ryan	▣
108	(5)	1	SARAYIR 30 (D,F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-9	R Hills	95

BETTING: 7-4 Sarayir, 7-2 Fernanda, 4-1 Dancing Drop, 5-1 Idrica, 6-1 Sambac, 12-1 Attitre, 25-1 others.

1995: RUZNAMA 8-9 W Carson (11-8 fav) B Hills 6 ran

2.20 NGK SPARK PLUGS PERFORMANCE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O £6,576: 6f) (16 runners)

201	(8)	154	COWRIE 16 (F) (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-7	T Sprake	91
202	(12)	3042	THE GAY FOX 19 (BF) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 9-2	R Cochrane	87
203	(10)	535250	DALMENY DANCER 23 (B,D,G) (Thurloe T'breds) B Meehan 8-13	M Tebbutt	95
204	(6)	515514	BURLINGTON HOUSE 22 (D,G) (R Green) P Cole 8-13	G Faulkner (5)	98
205	(5)	51	SERENITY 61 (D,F) (C Wills) J Fanshawe 8-11	D Harrison	87
206	(11)	02011	SHARP HAT 21 (D,F,G) (J Smith) R Hannon 8-10	Pat Eddery	96
207	(15)	350153	LAMORNA 14 (D,F,G) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-9	A Eddery (7)	93
208	(4)	0101	STYGIAN 12 (D,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-8	J D Smith (3)	96
209	(3)	6041	A BREEZE 48 (F) (Bloomsbury Stud) D Morris 8-8	N Day	86
210	(14)	522100	KAISER KACHE 23 (V,D,F) (P Barclay) K McAuliffe 8-8	B Doyle	92
211	(9)	03021	SAINT WHO 25 (D,F) (Times Of Wigan) W O'Gorman 8-6	Emma O'Gorman	▣
212	(13)	112033	LUCKY OAKWOOD 18 (G) (Sporting Quest) M Bell 8-5	R Mullen (7)	94
213	(1)	52130	MYSTIC CIRCLE 24 (B,D,F) (P Fenwick) J Watts 8-3	L Charnock	85
214	(7)	63324	MARSAD 40 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 8-3	R Hills	95
215	(2)	2330	RICASSO 42 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-1	D R McCabe	91
216	(16)	0050	HOMESTEAD 15 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 7-12	J Quinn	95

BETTING: 5-1 Sharp Hat, 6-1 Stygian, 7-1 Burlington House, 8-1 Saint Who, 10-1 The Gay Fox, 12-1 others.

1995: KING OF PERU 9-3 J Tate (9-1) A Jarvis 16 ran

2.55 SUN CHARIOT STAKES
C4

(Group II: fillies and mares: £34,561: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301	(2)	13-1613	SPOUT 62 (C,D,G,S) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	93
302	(8)	11-21	LAST SECOND 63 (D,F,G) (Faisal Salman) M Prescott 3-8-11	G Duffield	96
303	(6)	332152	BERENICE 16 (D,F) (Gestut Schlenderhan) G Wragg 3-8-8	M Hills	91
304	(3)	230120	BINT SALSABIL 20 (CD,F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-8	R Hills	94
305	(1)	1454	DISTANT OASIS 23 (BF,F) (Fahd Salman) H Cecil 3-8-8	W Ryan	96
306	(5)	201421	FLAME VALLEY 18 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-8	K Fallon	98
307	(9)	2-13223	MISS TAHITI 20 (G,S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 3-8-8	S Guillot	▣
308	(7)	252022	MISS UNIVERSAL 23 (BF) (B Butt) C Brittain 3-8-8	B Doyle	92
309	(4)	0-3111	WANDERING STAR 35 (F,G) (Aylesfield Farms Stud) J Fanshawe 3-8-8	N Day	90

BETTING: 5-2 Last Second 4-1 Miss Tahiti, 5-1 Spout, 6-1 Flame Valley, 7-1 Distant Oasis, 8-1 Bint Salsabil, 10-1 Wandering Star 12-1 others

1995: WARNING SHADOWS 3-8-8 K Darley (6-1) C Brittain 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPOUT beat Phantom Gold ¾l in group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good) LAST SECOND beat Papering 2l in group II Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) DISTANT OASIS 2¾l 4th of 8 to Bishop Of Cashel in group III Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) FLAME VALLEY beat Balalaika and BERENICE (dead-heated) 3½l in listed race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). MISS TAHITI about ½l 3rd (promoted from 4th) to My Emma in group I Prix Vermeille at Longchamp (1m 4f, good) WANDERING STAR beat MISS UNIVERSAL 1l in 11-runner listed race at Sandown (1m, good)
Selection: MISS TAHITI

3.35 TOTE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP
C4

(£55,253: 1m 1f) (40 runners)

401	(4)	210101	YEAST 2 (F,S) (B Haggas) W Haggas 4-10-1 (5ex)	K Fallon	87
402	(34)	114060	TARAWA 21 (C,F,S) (Mrs J Callaghan) N Callaghan 4-9-7	M Roberts	83
403	(7)	213043	PRINCE OF MY HEART 22 (G) (G Hicks) B Hills 3-9-2	J D Smith (3)	81
404	(26)	210063	WINTER ROMANCE 32 (S) (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-1	M Hills	84
405	(12)	23131	KAMMTARRA 22 (F) (S Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 3-9-0	R Hills	98
406	(21)	1-10123	MISSILE 30 (C,F) (J Bogie) W Haggas 3-9-0	F Lynch (3)	92
407	(40)	235520	CLAN BEN 14 (B,C,BF,F,S) (A Dundee) H Cecil 4-8-13	W Ryan	88
408	(18)	400300	MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 9 (F,G) (A Afif) B Hanbury 4-8-12	M Tebbutt	91
409	(33)	024102	KAYVEE 7 (F,G,S) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 7-8-12	A Clark	94
410	(6)	035502	NAGNAGNAG 11 (F,G,S) (C Freud) S Dow 4-8-11	R Hughes	92
411	(36)	31-2215	ALMOND ROCK 20 (G,S) (CIT Racing) J Fanshawe 4-8-11	D Harrison	97
412	(39)	0-10500	STONE RIDGE 108 (C,F,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 4-8-9	Dane O'Neill	85
413	(30)	112323	NORTH SONG 22 (D,BF,F,S) (J Gosden) J Gosden 3-8-7	B Doyle	93
414	(23)	206003	BILLY BUSHWACKER 21 (B,F,G,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-5	A Culhane	96
415	(9)	056006	TERTIUM 15 (F) (W Smith) M Wane 4-8-4	A Whelan (3)	91
416	(28)	144560	STAR MANAGER 24 (G,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 6-8-3	T Quinn	88
417	(22)	511033	DOUBLE BLUFF 24 (D,F) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-3	Martin Dwyer (5)	87
418	(2)	66313	CROWN COURT 64 (C,G) (Lord De La Warr) L Cumani 3-8-2	Pat Eddery	90
419	(17)	246331	CLIFTON FOX 21 (D,F,G,S) (P and S Partners) J Glover 4-8-2 (5ex)	N Day	95
420	(29)	4-55034	CHAMPAGNE PRINCE 34 (F) (Magnum Force) P Harris 3-8-1	G Hind	88
421	(3)	600110	SKY DOME 6 (C,F,G) (Miss D Merson) M Tompkins 3-8-1	M Henry (3)	89
422	(38)	434010	CONSPICUOUS 22 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 6-8-1	T Sprake	91
423	(5)	251250	MASTER CHARTER 21 (C,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-0	J Tate	90
424	(10)	0-21156	SECRET SPRING 15 (G) (M George) P Hedger 4-8-0	A McGlone	90
425	(35)	113021	GAME PLOY 14 (F,G) (K Nyaston) D Haydn Jones 4-8-0 (5ex)	R Cochrane	▣
426	(32)	0340-00	SHOW FAITH 165 (C,G,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 6-7-13	D Biggs	86
427	(8)	/04000	KING ATHELSTAN 14 (V,F) (I Guise) B McMahon 8-7-12	A McCarthy (7)	91
428	(25)	421113	GIVE ME A RING 15 (D,F,G) (G Reed) C Thornton 3-7-11	N Carlisle	97
429	(24)	04-5420	SILVER GROOM 42 (F,S) (Silver Darling) R Akehurst 6-7-11	D R McCabe	91
430	(14)	132114	SHARPICAL 35 (D,BF,F,G) (A Reed) M Prescott 4-7-11	G Duffield	96
431	(13)	033123	FAIRYWINGS 15 (F) (L Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-10	N Adams	91
432	(16)	031122	ANGUS-G 21 (C,F) (W Gatzel) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-10	J Quinn	97
433	(37)	112362	HAWKSLEY HILL 15 (C,F,G) (H Alexander) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-10	L Charnock	94
434	(27)	025310	SUE'S RETURN 8 (F,S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 4-7-10	D Wright (3)	94
435	(1)	054030	NORDINEX 28 (C,F,G) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 4-7-10	A Eddery (7)	85
436	(11)	021014	AUTUMN COVER 6 (D,F) (G Alexander) P Hedger 4-7-10 (5ex)	C Adamson (5)	89
437	(15)	615103	ANOTHER TIME 23 (F,G) (D Sullivan) S Woods 4-7-10	G Bardwell	90
438	(19)	025620	BOLD AMUSEMENT 47 (B,F,G) (Mrs A Bell) W Cunningham 6-7-10	A Daly (5)	82
439	(31)	006600	BLAZE OF SONG 8 (V,G,S) (D Boocock) R Hannon 4-7-10	R Ffrench (7)	82
440	(20)	603200	NIGEL'S LAD 21 (C,D,F,G) (N Dunnington) P Haslam 4-7-10	R Mullen (7)	85

Long handicap: Fairywings 7-9, Angus-G 7-7, Hawksley Hill 7-7, Sue's Return 7-7, Nordinex 7-6, Autumn Cover 7-6 Another Time 7-4 Bold Amusement 7-3 Blaze Of Song 7-3, Nigel's Lad 7-3

BETTING: 6-1 Missile, 8-1 Game Ploy, 10-1 Yeast, Crown Court 12-1 Angus-G, Kammtarra, 14-1 Master Charter 16-1 Sharpical, Clifton Fox, 20-1 others

1995: CAP JULUCA 3-9-10 R Hughes (11-1) R Charlton 39 ran

FORM FOCUS

YEAST beat Restructure 1¼l in 9-runner listed race here (1m, good to firm). KAMMTARRA beat Ali-Royal 1½l in 9-runner race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). MISSILE 3½l 3rd of 9 to Even Top in listed race at York (1m 1f, good) KAYVEE 3½l 2nd of 26 to Decorated Hero in handicap at Ascot (7f, good to firm) CROWN COURT beat Emily-Mou 5l in 19-runner handicap here (1m, good) with NORDINEX (21lb better off) 1¾l 5th. CLIFTON FOX beat ANGUS-G (4lb better off) neck in 17-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yds, good to firm) with BILLY BUSHWACKER (3lb better off) ½l 3rd and NIGEL'S LAD (2lb worse off) 13½l 16th. GAME PLOY beat Inquisitor 3l in 17-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm) with CLAN BEN (2lb better off) 10l 8th and KING ATHELSTAN (3lb better off) 14l 14th. HAWKSLEY HILL ¾l 2nd of 18 to Pride Of Pendle in 18-runner handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm) with GIVE ME A RING (3lb better off) neck 3rd and TERTIUM (3lb better off) 4l 6th.
Selection: GAME PLOY

4.10 JOCKEY CLUB CUP
C4

(Group III: £20,580: 2m) (8 runners)

501	(3)	210-163	FURTHER FLIGHT 97 (CD,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 10-9-3	M Hills	90
502	(5)	45-4104	ADMIRAL'S WELL 23 (D,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-9-0	T Quinn	94
503	(4)	121112	CELERIC 23 (D,F,G) (C Spence) D Morley 4-9-0	R Hills	98
504	(7)	111	EVA LUNA 24 (F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	98
505	(8)	254365	OLD ROUVEL 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Cowell) D Murray Smith 5-9-0	G Duffield	90
506	(6)	3/32-603	POLTARF 8 (C,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5-9-0	G Hind	▣
507	(1)	4-16543	SANMARTINO 46 (C,F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 4-9-0	K Fallon	93
508	(2)	11313	PERSIAN PUNCH 65 (C,BF,F,G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 3-8-3	R Cochrane	93

BETTING 2-1 Eva Luna, 11-4 Celeric, 5-1 Further Flight, 13-2 Persian Punch, 8-1 Poltarf, 12-1 Admiral's Well, 14-1 others.

1995: FURTHER FLIGHT 9-9-3 M Hills (5-2 fav) B Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT, winner of this race for last five years, 5½l 3rd of 4 to Corradini in a conditions race at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) ADMIRAL'S WELL beat Speed To Lead 2½l in 10-runner conditions race at Royal Ascot (2m 6f, good to firm) with OLD ROUVEL head 3rd CELERIC 2l 2nd of 6 to Double Trigger in the group III East Coast Doncaster Cup at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) with ADMIRAL'S WELL 4L 4th and OLD ROUVEL 4l 5th. Previously beat Always Aloof 2l in 7-runner listed race at York (2m, good) with SANMARTINO (3lb worse off) neck 3rd. EVA LUNA completed treble, beat Time Allowed 1¾l in 6-runner group III Stones Bitter Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). POLTARF 2¾l 3rd of 4 to Moonax in conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good) PERSIAN PUNCH head and 3½l 3rd of 7 to Grey Shot in group II Garrard Goodwood Cup at Goodwood (2m, good to firm).
Selection: CELERIC

4.45 ALINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
C4

(2-Y-O: £5,572: 6f) (14 runners)

601	(14)		BLUEYGREEN (Bloomsbury Stud) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	N Day	—
602	(3)	23	ELEGANT WARNING 50 (BF) (P Elson) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	▣
603	(10)	5	ETNA 64 (Lord Harrington) L Cumani 8-11	O Urbina	83
604	(7)		JAMRAT SAMYA (A Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11	R Ffrench (7)	—
605	(2)		JOVIAN (Matthews Racing) R Guest 8-11	G Duffield	—
606	(9)		KILSHANNY (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11	D R McCabe	—
607	(4)		LADY DIESIS (P Williams) B Hills 8-11	J D Smith (3)	—
608	(13)	6	LOCHLASS 28 (M Johnson) S Woods 8-11	D Biggs	—
609	(5)		MESHHED (Hamdan Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 8-11	—	—
610	(8)	4	NOBLE STORY 47 (Fairy Story Partners) R Akehurst 8-11	T Quinn	84
611	(12)	00	PERFECT ANGEL 17 (J Ellis) M Tompkins 8-11	M Henry (3)	—
612	(1)		POLISH ROMANCE (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	K Fallon	—
613	(6)		RAAHA (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts	—
614	(11)		TAJREBAH (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery	—

BETTING: 4-1 Polish Romance, 9-2 Elegant Warning, 6-1 Blueygreen, 8-1 Etna, Jamrat Samya, 9-1 Lady Diesis 10-1 Raaha, 12-1 others

1995: POLISH SPRING 8-11 M Hills (8-1) B Hills 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUEYGREEN (foaled Apr 22) Half-sister by Green Desert to useful 1m / 1m 2f winner Salt Lake, dam multiple sprint winner. ELEGANT WARNING ½l and neck 3rd of 19 to Catechism in maiden at Newbury (6f, good) ETNA about 4½l 5th of 5 to Caerfilly Dancer in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). JOVIAN (Mar 1) Sister by Petong to three winners including smart 6f / 7f winner Petardia, dam 1m winner in France LADY DIESIS (Apr 20) Half-sister by Diesis to useful 1m winner So Sedulous, dam juvenile 5f-1m winner in Ireland and later winner in North America. MESHHED (Mar 15) Half-sister to by Gulch to Jarah, 7f / 1m winner at two and three years: dam useful 7f/1m winner. NOBLE STORY about 6l 4th of 13 to Joza in maiden at Windsor (5f, good to firm) POLISH ROMANCE Third foal, by Danzig: dam multiple grade I winner in North America
TAJREBAH (Mar 18). Half-sister by Dayjur to juvenile winners Jallad (6f) and Alhawa (7f), dam champion South African filly
Selection: ELEGANT WARNING

5.20 LINKS HANDICAP
(£6,873: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(14)	410560	MY GALLERY 7 (D,F,G,S) (R Cox) A Bailey 5-9-13	D Wright (3)	96
2	(15)	035230	LUCKY ARCHER 11 (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-9-8	M Roberts	92
3	(16)	535004	KNOBBLEENEEZE 15 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 6-9-4	A Eddery (7)	92
4	(11)	2-416	KERRY RING 9 (D,BF,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-3	G Hind	93
5	(5)	100052	HIGH HOPE HENRY 16 (D,G,S) (Lucayan Stud) R Akehurst 3-9-2	T Quinn	92
6	(3)	433100	BROUGHTONS TURMOIL 6 (CD,F) (Broughton) W Musson 7-8-13	Pat Eddery	94
7	(9)	501000	STATOYORK 9 (D,F) (S Cohn) B Hills 3-8-12	J D Smith (3)	96
8	(13)	143520	WILD PALM 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-12	Emma O'Gorman	98
9	(10)	312102	THWAAB 14 (B,F) (J Blythe) F Watson 4-8-10	K Fallon	97
10	(8)	326441	DUELLO 15 (D,F,S) (H Promotions) M Blanchard 5-8-9	J Quinn	92
11	(7)	342030	ALMASI 21 (F,G) (Equema Partners) C Wall 4-8-9	P Clarke (7)	98
12	(6)	000013	OGGI 21 (BF,F,G) (Skyline Racing) P Makin 5-8-6	D Harrison	98
13	(12)	203201	DON PEPE 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Aird) R Boss 5-8-2	B Doyle	96
14	(4)	050114	SPEEDY CLASSIC 11 (D,F,G) (M Davies) M Heaton-Ellis 7-7-13	N Carlisle	94
15	(1)	403122	DON'T GET CAUGHT 11 (D,BF,F) (Mrs P McGrath) J L Harris 4-7-10	—	93
16	(2)	006261	NORTHERN JUDGE 42 (CD,G) (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 3-7-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	▣

Long handicap. Don't Get Caught 7-8 Northern Judge 7-7

BETTING: 6-1 Oggi 7-1 Duello 8-1 Don't Get Caught, 9-1 Thwaab 10-1 Kerry Ring, 12-1 Northern Judge, 14-1 Don Pepe, 16-1 others

1995. SAMAH 5-8-11 C Nakatani (11-1) D Nicholls 30 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	8	22	36.4	Pat Eddery	120	534	22.5
H Cecil	68	285	23.9	D R McCabe	12	78	15.4
S bin Suroor	7	34	20.6	L Charnock	3	20	15.0
R Charlton	20	101	19.8	J D Smith	4	27	14.8
D Loder	22	13	19.5	T Sprake	5	36	13.9
P Walwyn	13	86	15.1	Dane O'Neill	9	72	12.5
J Watts	6	40	15.0	R Hills	31	265	11.7
J Gosden	55	378	14.6	T Quinn	39	366	10.7

Busy Flight continues run

BUSY FLIGHT, an exciting prospect for next year, completed a hat-trick at Newmarket yesterday. The Barry Hills-trained colt saw off three rivals with the minimum of fuss in the Racing Post Godolphin Stakes. Busy Flight, a close relative of Further Flight, stays in training and will be competing in the top races at around a mile and a half. In the Somerville Tattersalls Stakes on the same card, Grapeshot emerged as a classic prospect with a comfortable success.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.45 Saxon Mead	3.25 Sonic Star
2.15 Grange Brake	4.00 Dajraan
2.50 Mim-Lou-And	4.35 Ramsdens

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.45 STARTERS NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,716: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1	500340-	ALLOW 212 (Mrs M Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 5-10-12	M A Fitzgerald	60
2	R-6	CROWNHILL CROSS 24 (F Bown) B Millman 5-10-12	D Salter (5)	—
3		HIGH HOLME 341F (Mrs R Haslons) R Buckler 5-10-12	B Powell	—
4	PP/	IRREPRESSIBLE 17F (R Callow) R Hodges 5-10-12	I Lawrence	—
5	045-	JALAPENO 152 (A Parker) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12	C Llewellyn	—
6	2030-	LAKE KARIBA 191 (The Lake Kariba Partnership) P Nicholls 5-10-12	A P McCoy	▣
7	50P	LATE ENCOUNTER 6 (V King) B Llewellyn 5-10-12	G Bradley	—
8		LOUGH TULLY 511 (R Hancocks) F Jordan 6-10-12	S Wynne	—
9	40/2-4	MY HARVINSKI 24 (G) (I Jones) I Jones 6-10-12	Miss E J Jones (7)	52
10	4221-	RANGITIKEI 161 (G) (Mrs J Mayo) C Mann 5-10-12	R Dunwoody	—
11		SAXON MEAD (H Catherwood) P Hobbs 6-10-12	A Maguire	—
12	52P3P-0	WHISTLING BUCK 119 (S) (M Sampson) R Rowe 8-10-12	L Aspell (5)	65
13	0	MASIMARA MUSIC 23 (R Bailey) J Bradley 5-10-7	B Fenton	—
14	3	PYTCHLEY DAWN 38 (Mrs L O Neill) O O Neill 6-10-7	V Slattery	50

BETTING: 7-4 Lake Kariba, 7-2 Rangitikei, 6-1 Saxon Mead, 7-1 Jalapeno, 12-1 High Holme, 14-1 Whistling Buck, 16-1 others

1995: CALL EQUINAME 5-11-0 A P McCoy (11-8 fav) P Nicholls 14 ran

2.15 MERCEDES BENZ HANDICAP CHASE
BBC1

(£7,103: 3m) (8 runners)

1	5P41P-1	TARTAN TRADEWINDS 21 (D,F,G,S) (Mackinnon Mills) G Richards 9-12-0	A Dobbin	▣
2	11F4R-1	IFFEEE 7 (F,G,S) (T Morris) P Bowen 9-11-13	A Maguire	95
3	16U630-	GRANGE BRAKE 203 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-9	D Walsh (3)	97
4	U1F111-	GENERAL CRACK 141 (D,F,G,S) (J Keighley and P Barber) P Nicholls 7-11-4	A P McCoy	98
5	21-1153	EVANGELICA 40 (BF,F,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 6-10-13	C Maude	91
6	2F21-13	CERTAIN ANGLE 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Pivtorm Syndicate) P Hobbs 7-10-9	R Dunwoody	91
7	1120/P-	GOOD FOR A LAUGH 175 (G,S) (D Walker) G Ham 12-10-8	M A Fitzgerald	—
8	/1FP0P-	FLORIDA SKY 182 (S) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 9-10-7	G Bradley	95

BETTING. 3-1 Tartan Tradewinds, 7-2 General Crack, 9-2 Iffeee, Certain Angle, 6-1 Grange Brake, 7-1 Evangelica, 12-1 others

1995: STRAIGHT TALK 8-10-3 A P McCoy (9-2) P Nicholls 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TARTAN TRADEWINDS beat Maggots Green 6l in 4-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, good to firm) IFFEEE beat Have To Think 5l in 5-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, good to firm) with CERTAIN ANGLE ½l 3rd GRANGE BRAKE 8½l 3rd of 15 to Killeshin in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (4m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. GENERAL CRACK beat Big Ben Dun 3½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Stratford (3m, good to firm) EVANGELICA best recent effort beat Waterford Castle 5l in 3-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, good to firm). CERTAIN ANGLE beat Lemon's Mill head in novice handicap chase at Stratford (2m 5f 110yds, good to firm) on penultimate start. GOOD FOR A LAUGH best recent effort 15l 2nd of 5 to Spree Cross in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good)
Selection: TARTAN TRADEWINDS

2.50 FREE HANDICAP HURDLE
BBC1

(4-Y-O: £6,947: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1	143F20-	OUR KRIS 65F (B,D,G) (Million In Mind Part'ship) N Henderson 11-10	M A Fitzgerald	90
2	141144-	ALLTIME DANCER 23F (D,F,G,S) (H Heyman) O Sherwood 11-3	J A McCarthy	91
3	420-1	HAND WOVEN 6 (F) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 (4ex)	C Llewellyn	88
4	D20263-	HAMILTON SILK 105F (G) (Elite Racing Club) M Pipe 10-7	G Bradley	93
5	114-201	FAUSTINO 26F (D,F) (The Bilbrook '41') P Hobbs 10-6 (4ex)	R Dunwoody	93
6	3P10-	REAGANESQUE 50F (G) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 10-4	R Farrant	87
7	512211-	MIM-LOU-AND 84F (D,F,G) (J Martin) Miss H Knight 10-2	J Culloty	92
8	23013-	IKTASAB 147 (B,D,G) (T and J A Curry) P Nicholls 10-2	A P McCoy	▣
9	2515-62	YUBRALEE 15 (D,G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 10-1	C Maude	95
10	30-	LOVE THE BLUES 10F (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 10-0	A Maguire	87
11	2-	RISING DOUGH 24F (B Pennick) G L Moore 10-0	L Wyer	86

Long handicap: Love The Blues 9-12, Rising Dough 9-12

BETTING: 7-2 Mim-Lou-And, 4-1 Our Kris 6-1 Alltime Dancer, 7-1 Iktasab, 8-1 Hand Woven, 10-1 Faustino, Rising Dough 12-1 others

1995: ROMANCER 11-5 C Llewellyn (6-1) N Twiston-Davies 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

OUR KRIS 6l 2nd of 11 to Zabadi in Grade II Glenlivet 4-y-o Novice Hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yds, good) ALLTIME DANCER 11½l 4th of 5 to Elpidos in novice handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good to soft). HAND WOVEN beat Kazanta 3½l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, good to firm).
HAMILTON SILK best recent effort 4l 2nd of 13 to Tarrock in novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yds, soft) FAUSTINO beat La Menorquina 5l in 3-runner handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yds, good to firm). REAGANESQUE beat Keen To The Last 6l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start
MIM-LOU-AND beat Red Light 5l in 8-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good) with HAMILTON SILK (5lb worse off) 3l 3rd YUBRALEE 7l 2nd of 6 to Prizefighter in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yds, firm) LOVE THE BLUES best effort 11½l 3rd of 14 to Debutante Days in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good)
Selection: LOVE THE BLUES

3.25 MARYLAND FARMHOUSE CHEDDAR NOVICES CHASE
BBC1

(£7,103: 2m 3f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	324-111	SONIC STAR 21 (F,G) (R Nutland) D Nicholson 7-11-8	A Maguire	▣
2	00/0/0-	BILL OF RIGHTS 180 (Mrs E Scott) Mrs E Scott 8-11-0	B Powell	—
3	021110-	CALL EQUINAME 207 (G,S) (M Coburn, P Barber, C Lewis) P Nicholls 6-11-0	A P McCoy	—
4	30-2324	SHIKAREE 3 (B,BF,F) (The Bead Boys) M Pipe 5-10-12	C Maude	97
5	/000/	PRIORY ROSE 504P (F) (W Catsiny) G Ham 9-10-9	R Farrant	—

BETTING: 8-11 Call Equiname, 9-4 Sonic Star, 5-1 Shikaree, 14-1 Priory Rose, 50-1 Bill Of Rights.

1995: LINDEN'S LOTTO 8-12-4 A Maguire (6-4 fav) J White 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SONIC STAR beat Mill Of The Rags 29l in 4-runner novice chase at Bangor (3m 4f 110yds, good) BILL OF RIGHTS 64l 7th of 12 to Familiar Friend in Hunter chase at Hereford (2m 3f, good to firm) CALL EQUINAME beat Peace Lord 20l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft) SHIKAREE best recent effort about 1l 3rd of 8 to Flurdity in handicap hurdle at Southwell (2m 4f 110yds, firm).
Selection: SONIC STAR

4.00 SOUTH-WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,960. 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1	2U4134-	MYBLACKTHORN 151 (S) (Mrs M Coburn) P Nicholls 6-11-10	O Burrows (7)	90
2	U3321-2	TAP ON TOOTSIE 38 (D,G) (R Cowper) T Wall 4-11-8	R Massey (3)	97
3	406034-	CROHANE QUAY 187 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 7-11-8	Mr A Balding (7)	96
4	0P4P21-	DAJRAAN 106F (S) (Great Marquess Part'ship) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-8	C Llewellyn	97
5	240024-	SANDS POINT 151 (Mrs C Hayton) C Popham 6-11-8	M A Fitzgerald	92
6	04500-	PAVLOVA 198 (Mrs M McGlone) R Rowe 6-11-3	L Aspell (5)	▣
7	05340-0	HYDEMILLA 22 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 6-10-12	G Hogan (3)	89
8	116342	REGAL GEM 39 (F,G) (D Coombs) C Barwell 5-10-9	B Fenton	87
9	0450-0	KAREN'S TYPHOON 21 (Six Horse Power) P Hobbs 5-10-7	A P McCoy	85
10	0-51231	LITTLE TINCTURE 22 (F) (Mrs T McInnes Skinner) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 6-10-5	G Upton	95
11	/3PP/FF-	QUEEN'S AWARD 346 (R Buckler) R Buckler 7-10-0	B Powell	—
12	FFP0P-2	EMBLEY BUOY 45 (G) (Mrs H Bom) J Mullins 8-10-0	S Curran	—

Long handicap: Queens Award 9-5, Embley Buoy 8-12

BETTING: 11-4 Dajraan, 4-1 Crohane Quay, 5-1 Little Tincture 7-1 Myblackthorn, 8-1 Regal Gem, 10-1 Sands Point, Karen's Typhoon, 12-1 others

1995: THE LAST FLING 5-11-12 R Guest (3-1 fav) Mrs S Smith 14 ran

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified) Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

4.35 VALETS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,941: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

1	442022-	ZAITOON 185 (D,F,G) (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) D Nicholson 5-12-0	A Maguire	98
2	153212/	MYTTON'S CHOICE 703 (D,F) (G Mytton) D Nicholson 5-11-13	Mr R Thornton (7)	—
3	003213-	RAMSDENS 131 (G) (J Duggan) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-8	C Llewellyn	94
4	12P-360	TOOMUCH TOOSOON 33 (F,G) (L Kennard) M Pipe 8-11-5	B Powell	—
5	41-5122	PAIR OF JACKS 30 (CD,BF,F,G) (D Wilson) G L Moore 6-10-8	R Dunwoody	92
6	213360-	MINSTER'S MADAM 168 (V,D,S) (J Neville) J Neville 5-10-7	J Culloty	▣
7	4235/2/	KNIGHT IN SIDE 796 (D,F) (Joe & Joanne Richards) M Pipe 10-10-5	C Maude	—
8	40P000-	MEANUS MILLER 163 (S) (Miss G Donovan) R Rowe 8-10-4	D Gallagher	89
9	P05/2-	LIME STREET BLUES 135 (B) (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) C Brooks 5-10-4	G Bradley	94
10	04000-2	ZINGIBAR 6 (D,S) (D Holpin) J Bradley 4-10-0	A P McCoy	93
11	4/P04F-P	WILL JAMES 119 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Melbourne) C Drewe 10-10-0	S Curran	94

Long handicap: Zingibar 9-13, Will James 9-10

BETTING: 3-1 Ramsdens, 4-1 Zaitoon, 9-2 Mytton's Choice, 6-1 Lime Street Blues, 8-1 Toomuch Toosoon, 10-1 Zingibar, Knight In Side, 14-1 others

1995: FUTURE KING 8-11-9 A Maguire (6-4 fav) A Jarvis 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	11	37	29.7	R Dunwoody	28	97	28.9
M Pipe	45	166	27.1	G Bradley	6	22	27.3
P Hobbs	16	59	27.1	A P McCoy	12	52	23.1
R Rowe	6	26	23.1	C Llewellyn	15	77	19.5
N Twiston-Davies	20	89	22.5	A Maguire	11	58	19.0
R Buckler	4	25	16.0	M A Fitzgerald	10	65	15.4

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RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Fontwell Park (first race, 2.30), Pontefract (2.15).
TUESDAY: Redcar (2.15), Warwick (2.00).
WEDNESDAY: Nottingham (2.10), Towcester (2.20), York (2.00).
THURSDAY: Ludlow (2.20), Wincanton (2.10), York (2.00)
FRIDAY: Ascot (BBC, 2.00), Carlisle (1.50), Huntingdon (2.10).
SATURDAY: Ascot (BBC, 2.00), Bangor (2.05), Hexham (2.20), Worcester (2.25), York (C4, 2.15)
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GOING: SOFT

2.00 PRIX DE ROYALLIEU

BBC1

(Group II: Fillies and mares: £39,526: 1m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

1	(1)	50-6141	BLUE WATER 25 (G,S) (Mrs R Philipps) J Hammond 4-9-1	M Boutin
2	(8)	386146	DANCE TREAT 49 (G,S) (P Pritchard) D Sepulchre 4-9-1	O Doleuze
3	(11)	1512	BINARY 56 (F,G) (K Abdulla) A Fabre 3-8-7	T Jarnet
4	(12)	24	HARAMAYDA 91 (H H Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-7	P Coppin
5	(13)	1-26215	ZAFZALA 20 (F) (H H Aga Khan) J Oxx (Ire) 3-8-7	G Mosse
6	(9)	3-1356	ANNABA 18 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 3-8-7	L Dettori
7	(6)	1-3013	SPANISH FALLS 104 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mme C Head 3-8-7	F Head
8	(8)	211645	WHITEWATER AFFAIR 45 (F,G) (J Greetham) M Stoute (GB) 3-8-7	J Weaver
9	(10)	2211	VADSA HONOR 56 (G,S) (J-L Lagardere) A Fabre 3-8-7	A Junk
10	(2)	013553	MEZZOGIORNO 45 (F) (Mrs R Philipps) G Wragg (GB) 3-8-7	C Asmussen
11	(4)	504163	TRULY GENEROUS 8 (G) (R Strauss) R Collet 3-8-7	G Guignard
12	(7)	142	CAMPORESE 62 (S) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 3-8-7	J Reid
13	(3)	31	OTAITI 27 (F) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre 3-8-7	O Peslier

BETTING: 9-4 Zafzala, Haramayda (coupled), 5-1 Blue Water, Mezzogiorno (coupled), 9-2 Camporese, 6-1 Annaba, Spanish Falls (coupled), 8-1 Binary, Otaiti, 10-1 Vadsa Honor, 12-1 others

3.10 PRIX DU CADRAN

BBC1

(Group I: £658,760: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1	(5)	641212	KASSANI 27 (F,G,S) (H H Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 4-9-2	G Mosse
2	(8)	1223-31	MOONAX 8 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills (GB) 5-9-2	L Dettori
3	(3)	502311	SEPARATE LIVES 16 (G,S) A Spanu 5-9-2	F Sanchez
4	(11)	36-2613	FLAMINGO PARADISE 38 (S) (H von Finck) H Blume (Ger) 5-9-2	T Hellier
5	(7)	11-1111	CAMP DAVID 38 (F,G) (O Gabel) A Wohler (Ger) 5-9-2	A Boschert
6	(6)	2-33421	ALWAYS ALOOF 27 (F,G) (S Hanson) M Stoute (GB) 5-9-2	O Peslier
7	(2)	40-1121	DOUBLE TRIGGER 23 (F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston (GB) 5-9-2	J Weaver
8	(1)	101143	MING DYNASTY 27 (G,S) (Mme O Semmama) D Smaga 5-9-2	C Asmussen
9	(4)	5131-05	ALWAYS EARNEST 139 (G,S) (Scuderia Mirabella) Mme M Bollack-Badel 5-9-2	A Badel
10	(10)	402324	NONONITO 27 (S) (P Sebagh) J Lesbordes 5-9-2	T Jarnet
11	(9)	000F40	JUSTE CIEL 15 (G) (L Charbonnier) L Charbonnier 4-8-13	J F Jacquet

BETTING: 7-4 Double Trigger, 7-2 Moonax, 9-2 Kassani, 6-1 Always Aloof, Camp David, 8-1 Nononito, 12-1 Always Earnest, Ming Dynasty, 16-1 Separate Lives, 25-1 Flamingo Paradise, 66-1 Juste Ciel

3.45 PRIX DOLLAR

BBC1

(Group II: £39,526: 1m 1f 165yd) (11 runners)

1	(5)	3-55210	MANZONI 39 (G,S) (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Hammond 4-9-4	C Asmussen
2	(6)	1/21561-	FLEMENSFIRTH 371 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0	L Dettori
3	(3)	2260-25	SOLID ILLUSION 20 (F) (Ecurie Fabien Ouaki) P Demercastel 5-9-0	G Mosse
4	(1)	4-13461	SILVERING 16 (G,S) (Mme A Head) Mme C Head 4-9-0	F Head
5	(9)	130-146	EL ANGELO 105 (F,G) (N Rocchetta) P Bary 4-9-0	T Jarnet
6	(8)	240660	PUNISHMENT 30 (G,S) (A Richards) C Brittain (GB) 5-9-0	F Sanchez
7	(10)	40-2134	MADRILENO 6 (F,G,S) (L Sanz-Manceñido) R Martin Sanchez (Sp) 4-9-0	J Reid
8	(4)	151510	FEDERICO 27 (F,G) (O Srecker) S Jensen (Den) 4-9-0	J Weaver
9	(11)	113433	PERCUTANT 41 (F,S) (Baron de Nyvelt) D Smaga 5-9-0	O Boeuf
10	(7)	114533	ZERO PROBLEMO 20 (G,S) (Stall Samshoff) B Schutz (Ger) 5-8-9	A Starke
11	(2)	13-1120	MARTINIQUAIS 104 (F,G,S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre 5-8-9	O Peslier

BETTING: 5-2 Percutant, 7-2 Martiniquais, 9-2 Silvering, 5-1 Flemensfirth, 7-1 Solid Illusion, 8-1 Zero Problemo, 10-1 Manzoni, 12-1 Madrileno, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: J Gosden, 24 winners from 109 runners, 22.0%; P Makin, 5 from 24, 20.8%; T Barron, 4 from 21, 19%; D Loder, 6 from 32, 18.8%; M Heaton-Ellis, 5 from 27, 18.5%. Jockeys: N Varley, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; R Havlin, 3 from 20, 15.0%; S Sanders, 5 from 39, 12.8%; J Carroll, 26 from 216, 12.0%; C Rutter, 5 from 42, 11.9%.

UTTOXETER: Trainers: C Egerton, 6 winners from 20 runners, 30.0%; C Mann, 6 from 21, 28.6%; O Sherwood, 15 from 54, 27.8%; M Pipe, 35 from 135, 25.9%; J J O'Neill, 6 from 24, 25.0%. Jockeys: J Osborne, 26 winners from 82 rides, 31.7%; P Niven, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Tormey, 9 from 39, 23.1%; D Bridgwater, 18 from 103, 17.5%; A S Smith, 5 from 29, 17.2%

WOLVERHAMPTON: Trainers: D Loder, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; M Johnston, 40 from 164, 24.4%; C Dwyer, 6 from 28, 21.4%; P Haslam, 27 from 127, 21.3%; M Prescott, 17 from 81, 21.0%. Jockeys: G Carter, 42 winners from 218 rides, 19.3%; P McCabe, 7 from 52, 13.5%; T Sprake, 12 from 94, 12.8%; F Lynch, 14 from 111, 12.6%; D Wright, 24 from 199, 12.1%; J Fortune, 12 from 99, 12.1%

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Frutana. 2.10 Melt The Clouds. 2.45 O Factor. 3.20 Takadou. 3.55 Marsh Marigold. 4.30 Shakiyr. 5.00 Listed Account.

GOING: SOFT SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.40 WALNUT MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,485: 5f) (12 runners)

1	5640	FINE TIMES 64 C Fairhurst 9-0	D McKeown 5
2	2232	FRUTANA 29 J Berry 9-0	P Fessey (5) 8
3		HYDE PARK M Prescott 9-0	S Sanders 7
4	0	MUNGO PARK 19 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	M Wigham 10
5	0600	SPARKLING HARRY 29 Miss L Siddall 9-0	P McCabe (3) 2
6	6250	TORONTO 14 (BF) J Berry 9-0	P Roberts (5) 6
7	03	MIDYAN QUEEN 84 R Hollinshead 8-9	D Griffiths (5) 1
8	0	PATRITA PARK 17 W Haigh 8-9	R Lappin 3
9	35	QUEEN'S PAGEANT 30 J Spearing 8-9	S Drowne 11
10	433	RUBY TUESDAY 36 B McMahon 8-9	J Fortune 9
11		SAVONA P Makin 8-9	R Havlin (3) 12
12	0	SOMETHING BLUE 51 T Watson 8-9	J Carroll 4

3-1 Frutana, 7-2 Queen's Pageant, 4-1 Ruby Tuesday, 5-1 Midyan Queen, 6-1 Hyde Park, 8-1 Toronto, 16-1 Savona, 20-1 others.

2.10 RALLI BROTHERS AND CONEY HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £4,213: 1m 2f 120yd) (19)

1	0601	CONSORDINO 6 (G) L Cumani 9-12	J Fortune 9
2	0400	KRISCLIFFE 35 (F) Miss G Kelleway 9-7	M Rimmer 7
3	3100	MILFORD SOUND 14 (F) J Fanshawe 9-4	N Varley (3) 17
4	2435	ALAMBAR 22 (F) P Walwyn 9-3	J Carroll 8
5	5266	CLASSIC FLYER 24 (F) R Harris 9-2	R Price 16
6	2455	MELT THE CLOUDS 16 P Harris 9-1	F Norton 4
7	241	FAILED TO HIT 46 (F) M Prescott 8-13	S Sanders 10
8	6-42	OPALETTE 21 Lady Herries 8-11	D O'Shea 6
9	0444	LEGENDARY LINE 120 Mrs M Reveley 8-9	K Darley 14
10	4405	SAMIM 7 (B,G) S Gollings 8-8	V Halliday 15
11	055	CALENDULA 25 D Morley 8-7	M Fenton 18
12	0630	LOVE BATETA 31 J Banks 8-7	J Stack 13
13	6000	JOHN-T 14 J Berry 8-6	G Carter 12
14	242	VANADIUM ORE 33 (V) J Eyre 8-1	T Williams 19
15	000	FORMIDABLE FLAME 130 W Musson 8-1	C Rutter 5
16	6200	ORDAINED 8 (D,F) E Alston 7-11	J Fowle (7) 11
17	4-00	SIZZLING SYMPHONY 158 (F) R Fahey 7-10	P Fessey (5) 3
18	2140	NEWBRIDGE BOY 14 (G) M Meagher 7-10	N Kennedy 1
19	624F	NOSEY NATIVE 15 (F) J Pearce 7-10	M Baird (5) 2

9-2 Opalette, 5-1 Consordino, 6-1 Calendula, 7-1 Alambar, Melt The Clouds, Vanadium Ore, 8-1 Failed To Hit, 10-1 others

2.45 IMACO FILLIES HANDICAP

(£4,054: 7f 30yd) (16)

1	-534	KISS ME AGAIN 105 (F) R Hannon 3-9-10	R Perham 9
2	5101	O FACTOR 42 (F,S) D Haydn Jones 4-9-10	S Drowne 1
3	0410	SALMIS 36 (D,F,S) J Fanshawe 3-9-10	N Varley (3) 13
4	8006	MISS WATERLINE 14 (C,S) P Evans 3-9-5	Anthony Bond (7) 6
5	5000	FAME AGAIN 14 (D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	M Wigham 16
6	3560	QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 9 (V,D,G,S) R Boss 5-9-4	M Rimmer 4
7	6303	DESERT LYNX 7 (G) T Watson 3-9-3	T Williams 10
8	1110	GYMCRAK FLYER 41 (C,D,F,G) G Holmes 5-9-2	D McKeown 7
9	3500	BEST OF ALL 56 (F,S) J Berry 4-9-0	J Fortune 3
10	5060	KISSEL 32 (S) S Kettlewell 4-9-0	Jenny Benson (7) 2
11	500	SUMMER BEAUTY 35 J Gosden 3-9-0	J Carroll 11
12	4050	TAEL OF SILVER 30 (D,F,G) A Bailey 4-8-12	K Darley 5
13	2500	SHASHI 8 (F) W Haigh 4-8-11	R Lappin 15
14	1120	PRINCESS EFISIO 57 (B) B McMahon 3-8-4	S Sanders 12
15	030	WHITE HARE 28 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-4	J Fanning 14
16	0506	BOLLIN DOROTHY 28 (D,S) T Easterby 3-8-3	M Fenton 8

4-1 Summer Beauty, 11-2 O Factor, 7-1 Kiss Me Again, 15-2 White Hare, 8-1 Salmis, Miss Waterline, 10-1 Desert Lynx, 12-1 others

3.20 RALLI BROTHERS AND CONEY CONDITIONS STAKES

(£4,728: 5f) (7)

1	21	SAHEEL 18 (D,G) Saeed bin Suroor 3-9-0	J Carroll 2
2	D005	ANSELLMAN 7 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-8-12	G Carter 5
3	0000	TADEO 7 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-12	D McKeown 7
4	0000	TAKADOU 6 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 5-8-12	R Lappin 3
5	0041	CROFTERS CEILIDH 10 (B,D,F,G) B McMahon 4-8-7	J Fortune 4
6	0054	KUNUCU 5 (D,F,G) T Barron 3-8-7	K Darley 6
7	5000	TARF 24 (D,F) P Walwyn 3-8-7	S Sanders 1

3-1 Saheel, 4-1 Kunucu, 9-2 Tadeo, 5-1 Crofters Ceilidh, 6-1 others

3.55 MAPLE SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £2,474: 6f) (24)

1	2600	MAZIL 32 (B) T Easterby 9-7	R Havlin (3) 13
2	5320	FULL TRACEABILITY 93 (V,G) J Berry 9-2	J Fortune 9
3	2562	MARSH MARIGOLD 10 M Meade 9-2	D Sweeney (7) 15
4	000	IMPISH 56 (B) T Etherington 8-13	J Carroll 22
5	2600	VEERAPONG 8 (B) M W Easterby 8-12	J Fanning 16
6	1522	JINGOIST 17 (B,D,BF,G) J L Harris 8-12	D McKeown 6
7	3534	SENATE SWINGS 28 W Muir 8-12	S Whitworth 17
8	3166	HOH SURPRISE 8 (D,S) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton 11
9	0240	CHAMPAGNE ON ICE 31 P Evans 8-10	R Perham 8
10	2030	FEARLESS CAVALIER 40 R Hollinshead 8-10	D Griffiths (5) 4
11	4450	PETRINE GRAY 26 T Easterby 8-9	M Birch 7
12	0500	BROCTUNE LINE 8 Mrs M Reveley 8-9	K Darley 14
13	0060	POLY MOON 3 (S) M Channon 8-8	C Rutter 20
14	0090	CLASSIC PARTYGOER 17 (B) M W Easterby 8-7	G Parkin (5) 2
15	3060	BATTLE GROUND 17 N Callaghan 8-6	S Drowne 3
16	840F	MISS ALICE 17 J Norton 8-6	T Williams 21
17	0000	REAL FIRE 9 M Meagher 8-4	R Studholme (7) 19
18	0060	SHARP RETURN 25 M Ryan 8-3	M Baird (5) 24
19	506	SILVER MOON 35 B McMahon 8-3	S Sanders 1
20	0550	SANSPET 12 (V) R Fahey 8-2	F Norton 5
21	5030	MY GIRL 26 (B) J Berry 8-1	P Fessey (5) 18
22	0000	FLY DOWN TO RIO 17 (B) D Arbuthnot 8-1	Darren Moffatt (3) 10
23	0000	SUPERBOOTS 17 (B) W Haigh 7-13	J Bramhill (7) 12
24	0000	LUCYBOD 40 N Tinkler 7-10	N Kennedy 23

6-1 Marsh Marigold, 7-1 Hoh Surprise, Jingoist, 8-1 Broctune Line, Senate Swings, 10-1 Battle Ground, 12-1 others

4.30 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£3,241: 1m 6f) (20)

1	211-	LA BRIEF 320 (D,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-11	C Webb 8
2	1304	CHILDREN'S CHOICE 15 (D,F,S) C Allen 5-9-9	D Denby 4
3	4001	SWEETNESS HERSELF 54 (G) M Ryan 3-9-7	M Baird 2
4	0003	STALLED 15 (D,F,G,S) P Walwyn 6-9-7	R Havlin 14
5	005-	BANG IN TROUBLE 250J J J O'Neill 5-9-6	C Teague 18
6	5060	FORZAIR 35 (G) J J O'Neill 4-9-6	S Olley (6) 16
7	-606	SICARIAN 7 M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-6	S Drowne 13
8	6344	SHAKIYR 36 (G) R Hollinshead 5-9-3	D Griffiths 17
9	0451	BACKWOODS 35 (G) W Brisbourne 3-9-2	D Sweeney 15
10	20-0	SEDVICTA 7 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0	S Copp 12
11	0154	COURSE FISHING 40 (F) B McMahon 5-8-12	G Milligan 5
12	5056	FLION 28 J Pearce 3-8-12	P Doe 7
13	-600	SOLDIER COVE 8 (S) M Meade 6-8-11	T Field (3) 6
14	0454	CHARLIE BIGTIME 35 (F,G) R Harris 6-8-8	Wendy Rose (6) 19
15	5031	THE BUTTERWICK KID 6 (G) R Fahey 3-8-7	P Fessey 1
16	1305	SUPERMICK 15 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-8-6	J Wilkinson 9
17	3041	HAVANA HEIGHTS 14 (D,F) J Eyre 3-8-4	R Winks (6) 3
18	0054	DUTY SERGEANT 14 (F,G,S) P Mitchell 7-8-3	Iona Wands 20
19	00-5	GUNNER B SPECIAL 40 (B) S Bowring 3-7-13	K Sked 10
20	0023	MONTE CAVO 42 M Brittain 5-7-13	J Fowle (3) 11

5-1 La Brief, 13-2 Stalled, 7-1 Sweetness Herself, Havana Heights, 8-1 Shakiyr, The Butterwick Kid, 10-1 Backwoods, 12-1 others

5.00 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,485: 1m 30yd) (9)

1		ALMI AD D Morley 8-11	M Fenton 7
2	3	LISTED ACCOUNT 18 L Cumani 8-11	K Darley 9
3		MISELLINA D Loder 8-11	P McCabe (3) 6
4	3	NOBLE DANE 29 (BF) P Harris 8-11	F Norton 1
5	4400	PERMISSION 8 R Hannon 8-11	R Perham 2
6		SAAFEYA J Gosden 8-11	J Carroll 3
7	00	SMART SPIRIT 7 Mrs M Reveley 8-11	G Lee (5) 8
8	60	SWAN ISLAND 25 B Palling 8-11	C Rutter 4
9	5	TYCOON TINA 105 W Brisbourne 8-11	S Drowne 5

5-2 Misellina, 3-1 Saafeya, 4-1 Listed Account, 5-1 Noble Dane, 6-1 others

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

7.00 Mon Bruce. 7.30 King Rat. 8.00 Arcady. 8.30 Chevalier. 9.00 Will To Win. 9.30 Delrob.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 PINK ICE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,519: 6f) (13 runners)

1	0	ASPECTO LAD 17 M Johnston 9-0	T Williams 9
2	0	CANTON RON 15 C Dwyer 9-0	T G McLaughlin 5
3	0030	CHAMPAGNE TOAST 23 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill 13
4	06	JAY TEE EF 35 B McMahon 9-0	L Newton (5) 1
5	00	MASTER FOLEY 133 N Littmoden 9-0	F Lynch (3) 10
6	65	MON BRUCE 22 W Muir 9-0	J Fortune 6
7	3053	ROCKAROUNDTHECLOCK 12 P Evans 9-0	G Carter 2
8	432	BRAZILIA 38 P Walwyn 8-9	J Carroll 8
9	2222	DAVIS ROCK 26 M Prescott 8-9	S Sanders 11
10		DIAMONDS ARE (B) D Thom 8-9	M Wigham 3
11		MORNING LINE R Williams 8-9	T Sprake 7
12	5640	MUNICIPAL GIRL 10 B Palling 8-9	C Rutter 12
13	64	ROCHEA 9 W Haggas 8-9	M Fenton 4

5-2 Davis Rock, 4-1 Rochea, 6-1 Champagne Toast, Brazilia, 7-1 Rockaroundtheclock, 10-1 Mon Bruce, 12-1 others

7.30 AMETHYST CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,415: 7f) (12)

1	5353	BENTICO 12 (V,C,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-8	C Teague (3) 5
2	0500	BASHFUL BRAVE 8 (F) J Baugh 5-9-4	W Lord 12
3	6000	DANCING LAWYER 11 (D,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-4	M Tebbutt 6
4	5500	JOLTO 37 (D,F,G,S) K McAuliffe 7-9-4	Aimee Cook (5) 4
5	0000	KING RAT 8 (B,C,D,F,G) T Etherington 5-9-2	J Carroll 11
6	0004	DANCING SIOUX 28 (D,G) D Nicholls 4-8-10	M Wigham 3
7	0000	HALBERT 12 (F) P Burgoyne 7-8-10	D R McCabe 7
8	1130	YOUNG BENSON 99 (B,C,D,F,G) T Wall 4-8-10	S Sanders 9
9	5600	DRAGONJOY 12 (V,C,D,G) N Littmoden 3-8-9	A McGlone 8
10	4400	EASTLEIGH 31 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-8	D Griffiths (5) 10
11	5000	BARGASH 8 (D,F,S) P Evans 4-8-6	G Carter 1
12	0-00	MIXED MOOD 157J (C,G) B Llewellyn 4-7-13	J Bramhill (7) 2

7-4 Bentico, 3-1 Dancing Sioux, 7-1 Young Benson, 9-1 Bashful Brave, 10-1 Dancing Lawyer, 12-1 King Rat, 14-1 others

8.00 PETER LAST MEMORIAL HANDICAP

(£2,519: 1m 4f) (12)

1	4005	HAND OF STRAW 14 (V,C,G) P Murphy 4-10-0	S Drowne 11
2	2/6-	WEEHEBY 168J (G) M Barraclough 7-9-11	S Sanders 8
3	0001	IHTIMAAM 37J (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-11	J Supple 1
4	4033	BELLA SEDONA 133 Lady Herries 4-9-3	A Clark 5
5	462-	ROUSITTO 298 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-9-9	F Lynch (3) 6
6	.60-	EXPANSIVE RUNNER 350 P Harris 4-9-4	G Hind 10
7	3012	ARCADY 14 (F) P Walwyn 3-9-4	J Carroll 7
8	6-00	NEEDWOOD EPIC 92 B Morgan 3-9-4	C Rutter 3
9	1223	ORCHARD GOLD 53 (BF,G) J Pearce 5-9-2	N Day 12
10	0044	AL HELAL 48 J Jenkins 4-9-1	Dane O'Neill 2
11	0206	OLD HUSH WING 28 P Haslam 3-8-11	J Fortune 4
12	0-52	ALL ON 14 (D,G) J Hetherton 5-8-11	S Whitworth 9

5-2 Bella Sedona, 3-1 Arcady, 5-1 All On, 7-1 Rousitto, 10-1 Ihtimaam, Orchard Gold, 12-1 Al Helal, 14-1 others

8.30 S J DIXON & SONS HANDICAP

(£3,502: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1	0034	HEATHYARDS LADY 28 (C,F) R Hollinshead 5-9-13	F Lynch (3) 10
2	1240	SWEET SUPPOSIN 35 (V,C,D) John Berry 5-9-13	Jo Hunnam (7) 5
3	3601	MANSUR 26 (G) D Loder 4-9-11	D R McCabe 3
4	0330	CHINA CASTLE 28 (C,G) P Haslam 3-9-10	G Carter 8
5	6000	OUR TOM 108 (C,G) J Wharton 4-9-9	N Carlisle 9
6	0431	TEA PARTY 14 (C,G) P Cunningham-Brown 3-9-8	T Sprake 7
7	1666	LADY DIGNITY 91 (C,G) P Makin 3-9-7	S Sanders 4
8	4432	CHEVALIER 26 I Campbell 4-9-7	M Wigham 13
9	0-00	FLOWING OCEAN 28 (G,S) D Chapman 6-9-4	A Culhane 2
10	3025	THEATRE MAGIC 14 (G) S Bowring 3-9-5	D McKeown 6
11	0613	PEOPLE DIRECT 26 (C,G) K McAuliffe 3-9-0	Dane O'Neill 11
12	1604	DOMINO FLYER 75 (D,G,S) Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-0	J Fortune 1
13	0450	PEMMAR 50 (B,C,D,G) T Etherington 4-9-0	J Carroll 12

3-1 Mansur, 5-1 Tea Party, 6-1 People Direct, 7-1 Chevalier, 8-1 Heathyards Lady, 10-1 Sweet Supposin, Theatre Magic, 12-1 others

9.00 JACK KIRKLAND MEMORIAL SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (11)

1	0561	SKYERS TRYER 12 (D,F) R Thompson 9-7	N Connorton 5
2	4034	ROBEC GIRL 16 (D,G) J Berry 9-6	P Roberts (5) 11
3	0230	WILL TO WIN 29 P Murphy 9-5	S Drowne 6
4	6100	RUSTY 17 (V,D,F) J Berry 9-4	G Carter 3
5	0005	CASTLE HOUSE 3 (V,D,F) J Akehurst 9-1	S Sanders 4
6	5430	FIT FOR THE JOB 26 (B) W G M Turner 8-12	D Sweeney (7) 1
7	003	EMMA'S RISK 94 R Harris 8-11	R Price 9
8	2600	DANCING STAR 12 P Evans 8-10	A Culhane 2
9	400	MAGYAR TITOK 39 Bob Jones 8-9	N Day 10
10	0604	HILTONS EXECUTIVE 12 E Alston 8-8	J Fortune 7
11	3005	RUN FOR US 14 C Dwyer 7-10	Jo Hunnam (7) 8

11-4 Robec Girl, 3-1 Skyers Tryer, 4-1 Will To Win, 5-1 Rusty, 7-1 others.

9.30 RUBY HANDICAP

(£2,070: 6f) (13)

1	0661	RED ADMIRAL 14 (C,D,F,G) C Murray 6-10-0	D McKeown 5
2	-000	GULF SHAADI 234 (C,G) E Alston 4-10-0	D Wright (3) 7
3	1414	MARJORIE ROSE 28 (C,G) A Bailey 3-9-13	Angela Gallimore (7) 10
4	0410	NO MONKEY NUTS 16 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-11	G Carter 6
5	0000	CHEEKY CHAPPY 3 (B,C,D,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-9	P McCabe (3) 3
6	2420	NAPIER STAR 14 (V,C,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-9	C Teague (3) 4
7	3005	WALK THE BEAT 10 (C,D,F,G,S) M Meade 6-9-9	D Sweeney (7) 8
8	0330	PRIME PARTNER 86 W Muir 3-9-5	S Whitworth 1
9	4000	GORMIRE 8 J Hetherton 3-9-4	N Carlisle 9
10	5004	BOLD ARISTOCRAT 26 (D,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-4	F Lynch (3) 13
11	0500	BUTTERWICK BELLE 5 R Fahey 3-9-3	P Fessey (5) 2
12	1201	DELROB 50 (B,C,D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-4	S Drowne 11
13	0000	PRUDENT PRINCESS 35 (B) A Hide 4-9-3	Jo Hunnam (7) 12

5-2 Delrob, 7-2 Red Admiral, 5-1 Marjorie Rose, 8-1 No Monkey Nuts, 10-1 Napier Star, 12-1 Walk The Beat, 14-1 others

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.30 Nordic Breeze. 3.00 Father Sky. 3.30 Star Market. 4.05 McGregor The Third. 4.40 Robert's Toy. 5.10 Ali's Alibi. 5.40 Highbeath.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.30 NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,411: 2m) (14 runners)

1	/03-	CHAIN SHOT 464 (F,G) J Peacock 11-10-11	R Bellamy
2		CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 40F R Peacock 7-10-11	Chris Webb (5)
3	P00-	CULRAIN 128 T Caldwell 5-10-11	A Thornton
4	500-	ELA MAN HOWA 10F A Bailey 5-10-11	T Kent
5	4/0-	FION CORN 343 Mrs F Owen 9-10-11	J R Kavanagh
6	63-0	NIGHT BOAT 119 W Clay 5-10-11	T Eley
7	00-	PENTLAND SQUIRE 168 J Jefferson 5-10-11	R Guest
8	636-	TIMELY EXAMPLE 127F (B) B Cambidge 5-10-11	Gary Lyons
9	624-	DASH TO THE PHONE 138 K Morgan 4-10-10	A S Smith
10	04P-	EUROLINK SHADOW 168 D McCain 4-10-10	B Harding
11	240-	IN GOOD FAITH 56F J Quinn 4-10-10	M Dwyer
12	453-	NORDIC BREEZE 47F M Pipe 4-10-10	C O'Dwyer
13		NUKUD 32F G Oldroyd 4-10-10	G Cahill (3)
14	/00-	JAIME'S JOY 140 Graeme Roe 6-10-6	Sharon Graham (7)

5-2 Nordic Breeze, 7-2 In Good Faith, 6-1 Dash To The Phone, 10-1 others

3.00 STAFFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE

(£5,068: 3m) (5)

1	111U	WAKT 21 (F,S) J White 6-11-13	Guy Lewis (3)
2	P0-1	FATHER SKY 22 (F) O Sherwood 5-11-3	J Osborne
3	5UP-	PHAEDAIR 178 P Hobbs 6-11-0	J R Kavanagh
4		NEWTOWN ROSIE Miss A Embiricos 7-10-9	J Ryan
5	2P-U	WAR FLOWER 7 (G) A Carroll 8-10-9	W Marston

1-3 Father Sky, 4-1 Wakt, 8-1 Phaedair, 25-1 Newtown Rosie, War Flower.

3.30 SENTINEL HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,136: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1	1331	STAR MARKET 21 (B,F,G,S) J Spearing 6-11-10	D Bridgwater
2	F05-	CALL MY GUEST 117F (D,G,S) R Peacock 6-11-7	N Williamson
3	213-	SPARKLING YASMIN 155 (D,S) P Hobbs 4-11-3	G Tormey (3)
4	1U6-	OLYMPIAN 261 (B,F,G) J Neville 9-11-2	W Marston
5	611-	TULLYMURRY TOFF 154 (D) J Jefferson 5-11-0	E Callaghan (5)

5-4 Sparkling Yasmin, 5-2 Tullymurry Toff, 100-30 Star Market, 10-1 others

4.05 BRITANNIA BUILDING SOCIETY HANDICAP CHASE

(£7,003: 3m 2f) (8)

1	4141	ANDRELOT 14 (B,F,G) P Bowen 9-12-0	N Williamson
2	6R-1	MCGREGOR THE THIRD 21 (F) G Richards 10-11-13	B Harding
3	2111	CATS RUN 14 (F,G) J Upson 8-11-6	R Supple
4	111-	WREKENGALE 135 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6	W Marston
5	211-	CHILDHAY CHOCOLATE 140 (D,F,S) P Nicholls 8-11-1	P Hide
6	43-2	REAL PROGRESS 36 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-11-1	G Tormey (3)
7	1-P2	FAIRY PARK 15 (F,G,S) H Oliver 11-10-7	Jacqui Oliver
8	213-	ANDROS PRINCE 165 (F,G,S) Miss A Embiricos 11-10-3	J Ryan

3-1 McGregor The Third, 7-2 Cats Run, 9-2 Wrekengale, 5-1 Childhay Chocolate, 6-1 Andrelot, 8-1 Real Progress, 10-1 others.

4.40 STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,399: 2m) (4)

1	1F64	ROBERT'S TOY 21 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-12	G Supple (7)
2	-4PP	LAYHAM LOW 14 (B,D,F) O Sherwood 5-10-5	J Osborne
3	-125	STEADFAST ELITE 9 (G) J J O'Neill 5-10-0	R McGrath (5)
4	0/0	EMPEROR CHANG 21 (F) K Warner 9-10-0	T Kent

4-6 Robert's Toy, 9-4 Steadfast Elite, 4-1 Layham Low, 33-1 Emperor Chang.

5.10 QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,202: 2m 4f) (7)

1	411-	BERTONE 148 (D,F,G) K Bailey 7-12-0	C O'Dwyer
2	32B-	ALI'S ALIBI 142 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-8	P Niven
3	445-	CORRARDER 131 (C,D,F,G) J S Osborne 12-11-1	J Railton
4	0P-P	MUTUAL TRUST 118 (C,D,F,S) P Bowen 12-10-10	N Williamson
5	-310	EAST HOUSTON 98 (C,F,G) J J O'Neill 7-10-6	A Roche
6	-131	COMEDY ROAD 38 (C,D,F,G) R Lee 12-10-5	P Henley (5)
7	23F1	MICHERADO 38 (CD,F,G,S) S Brookshaw 8-10-0	J Osborne

6-4 Bertone, 100-30 Micherado, 5-1 Ali's Alibi, 6-1 Comedy Road, 10-1 others

5.40 GREEN'UN SPORTS FINAL NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£4,151: 2m 6f 110yd) (10)

1	-21P	TIPPING THE LINE 84 (BF,F,G) M Pipe 6-11-9	C O'Dwyer
2	501-	HIGHBEATH 148 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-3	P Niven
3		INCH EMPEROR A Carroll 6-10-11	W Marston
4	20-	LE BARON 178 C Egerton 5-10-11	J Osborne
5		MIDNIGHT BOB J Mackie 5-10-11	R Marley
6	003-	MUSICAL HIT 182 P Pritchard 5-10-11	R Bellamy
7	101-	SAMLEE 180 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-11	D Bridgwater
8	060-	TARRS BRIDGE 342 C Mann 5-10-11	J Railton
9	646-	RIVERBANK ROSE 152 W Clay 5-10-6	T Eley
10	345-	MADGE MCSPLASH 130 J Jefferson 4-10-5	M Dwyer

9-4 Samlee, 3-1 Highbeath, 4-1 Tipping The Line, 6-1 Le Baron, 10-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, PRENDS CA (Pat Eddery, 13-2); 2, Bajan Rose (R Cochrane, 6-1); 3, Defined Feature (W R Swinburn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Galine (5th), 5 Kind Of Light, 15-2 Shanghai Girl (6th), 12 Bebey Babe, Tropical Dance (4th), 25 Forentia. 9 ran. Nk, 3l, 2l, ¾l, sh hd. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.30; £2.40, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £21.70. Trio: £90.80. CSF: £39.58. Tricast: £180.84. 1min 11.20sec.

2.35 (1m 4f) 1, BUSY FLIGHT (M Hills, 11-8 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Key To My Heart (J Weaver, 3-1); 3, Sharaf Kabeer (L Dettori, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Heron Island (4th). 4 ran. NR: Minds Music. 4l, 1½l, nk. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £2.20. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.20. 2min 28.19sec.

3.05 (7f) 1, HIGHBORN (W Ryan, 25-1); 2, Madly Sharp (M Hills, 11-1); 3, Saseedo (Emma O'Gorman, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Don Bosio, 11-2 Emerging Market, 6 Law Commission (5th), 13-2 Everglades, 10 Resounder, 12 Roushan, 14 Seigneurial (6th), Ziggy's Dancer (4th), 25 Maid For The Hills. 12 ran. 1l, ½l, 2l, ¾l, nk. P Felgate at Lisburn. Tote: £36.90; £6.30, £2.80, £3.60. DF: £259.10. Trio: £521.50. CSF: £245.41. Tricast: £2,213.72. 1min 23.74sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, GRAPESHOT (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 2, Musical Dancer (K Fallon, 20-1); 3, Falak (R Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Bachelors Pad (5th), 7 Shock Value (4th), 8 Imperial President, 10 Johnny Staccato (6th), 33 Rude Awakening. 8 ran. 1¾l, ¾l, 1l, 1¼l, 1½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £15.60. CSF: £22.86. 1min 23.47sec.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, NAJM MUBEEN (M Roberts, 16-1); 2, Oops Pettie (W R Swinburn, 9-4 fav); 3, Jerry Cutrona (R Cochrane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Select Few, 9-2 Mawingo (6th), 13-2 Daira (5th), 11 Gold Disc, 14 Brandon Magic, 25 Albaha, Warbrook (4th). 10 ran. NR: Prospector's Cove. 1¼l, hd, 5l, 3l, sh hd. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £19.70; £3.90, £1.30, £3.30. DF: £55.80. Trio: £92.60. CSF: £51.30. Tricast: £425.43. 2min 02.64sec.

4.50 (1m 6f) 1, FLOATING LINE (K Fallon, 5-2); 2, Lalindi (L Dettori, 9-2); 3, Full Throttle (M Henry, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Ceilidh Star (5th), 10 Sharaf (4th). 5 ran. NR: Gold Blade. 5l, 8l, 1l, ¾l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £12.67. 2min 56.83sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £58,848.54 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £422.20. Quadpot: £62.10.

Lingfield Park

Going: good, good to firm in places

1.20 (6f) 1, Wind Cheetah (B Doyle, 4-9 fav); 2, Injazaat (5-1); 3, Salumbenco (20-1). 12 ran. 2½l, 2½l. M Stoute. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £2.40. Trio: £12.10. CSF: £4.33.

1.50 (5f) 1, Heart Throb (F Lynch, 11-8 fav); 2, Hangover Square (7-2); 3, Nopalea (9-1). 10 ran. Nk, 3l. W Haggas. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £4.20. Trio: £7.60. CSF: £6.48.

2.20 (6f) 1, Commander Jones (M Tebbutt, 13-2); 2, Petite Danseuse (3-1 fav); 3, Dowry (6-1). 18 ran. NR: Strat's Quest. 2l, 4l. B Meehan. Tote: £8.70; £3.10, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £11.60. Trio: £20.90. CSF: £27.71.

2.55 (6f) 1, Bint Albaadiya (D Harrison, 11-2); 2, Shifting Time (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Aim Seven (13-2). Mighty Flyer 4-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. Hd, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £8.50; £3.60, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £25.50. Trio: £96.20. CSF: £30.67.

3.25 (1m 6f) 1, Zalorum (R Hughes, 7-2); 2, Belmarita (8-1); 3, Renzo (7-2). Heart 5-4 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, ½l. L Montague Hall. Tote: £4.30; £1.20, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £12.20. Trio: £49.30. CSF: £29.32.

4.00 (7f) 1, Merciless Cop (M Tebbutt, 8-1); 2, Silk St John (6-1); 3, Castles Burning (20-1); 4, Greenwich Fore (20-1). Eager To Please 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Fan Of Vent-Axia. 4l, 2l. B Meehan. Tote: £13.50; £2.00, £2.60, £4.10, £9.00. DF: £99.30. Trio: £437.90 (part won, pool of £123.38 carried forward to 3.35 at Newmarket today). CSF: £81.27. Tricast: £937.24.

4.35 (7f) 1, Sea Danzig (D Harrison, 14-1); 2, Amber Fort (9-2); 3, Serious Sensation (4-1); 4, Ca'd'oro (12-1). Society Magic 3-1 fav. 18 ran. ¾l, 2½l. J Bridger. Tote: £18.70; £4.30, £1.40, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £64.10. Trio: £101.70. CSF: £93.04. Tricast: £311.08.

5.05 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Artic Bay (Mr L Jefford, 20-1); 2, Roisin Clover (5-1); 3, Ayunli (4-5 fav). 14 ran. NR: Fairy Knight, Montone. 2½l, 2l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £27.40; £3.90, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £76.20. Trio: £67.40. CSF: £129.71.

Placepot: £75.20. Quadpot: £75.00.

Hexham

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Latvian (S Melrose, 11-4); 2, Pangeran (13-8 fav); 3, Pimsboy (14-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 27l. R Allan. Tote: £3.30. DF: £4.10. CSF: £7.07.

2.45 (3m hdle) 1, Crofton Lake (B Storey, 5-4); 2, Canonbiebothered (8-13 fav). 2 ran. ¾l. J Dixon. Tote: £2.50.

3.15 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Anthony Bell (A Dobbin, 7-4); 2, Ilewin (4-9 fav). 2 ran. NR: Prince Skyburd. 9l. T Carr. Tote: £2.60.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Supertop (M Dwyer, 4-6 fav); 2, Spring Loaded (9-2); 3, Little Redwing (8-1). 8 ran. 7l, 5l. L Lungo. Tote: £1.60; £1.70, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.61. Bought in 2,800gns.

4.25 (3m 1f ch) 1, Trumpet (Michael Brennan, 11-10 fav); 2, Upwell (5-2). 4 ran. Only two finished. 7l. J O'Shea. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.92.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Vintage Red (A Dobbin, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Robsera (15-8 jt-fav); 3, Thaleros (9-4). 4 ran. 3½l, 2l. G Richards. Tote: £3.00. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.46.

5.25 (2m flat race) 1, Sioux Warrior (N Horrocks, 13-8); 2, Chief Gale (6-4 fav); 3, Lindajane (7-2). 5 ran. NR: Fastar Ron. Nk, 1¼l. C Thornton. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £20.20. DF: £1.30. CSF: £4.53.

Placepot: £203.40.

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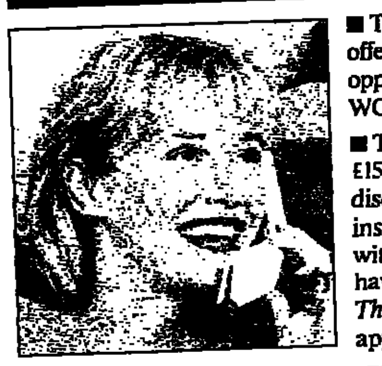

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CHANGING TIMES

RACING: TOMORROW'S PROGRAMMES AT HOME AND ABROAD

Swain to make stamina tell

By Julian Muscat

SWAIN, who has made discernible physical progress over the last 12 months, has the right attributes to give André Fabre his fourth triumph in the last ten runnings of the Forte Meridien Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2.50) at Longchamp tomorrow.

Since he fought his way into third place 12 months ago, Swain has been aimed at this race to the exclusion of all others. The son of Nashwan bypassed the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes when the ground came up fast. And his convincing Prix Foy defeat of Pentire should have primed him for the effort of his life. Furthermore, this year's renewal is not laced with the quality of 12 months ago.

Before the rains, Fabre was adamant Pentire would not reverse the Prix Foy verdict. Those rains have surely erased Pentire's chance; this year's running favours the hard of heart over the fleet of foot. Swain showed heart when thrown to the wolves in Paris last year. He forfeited ground by running wide throughout, a tactic partially employed to offset his relative inexperience. He now needs no such considerations.

The four-year-old is best when racing prominently, and his proven stamina should see him gallop right to the wire. With Helissio and Classic Cliche also inclined to keep close tabs on the lead, there should certainly be no loitering.

Helissio is very much the wild card — or just plain wild if judged on his headstrong performance in the Prix du Jockey-Club. However, that is one blot on an otherwise perfect record. Helissio appears reformed in the hands of Olivier Peslier, who has harnessed his mount's free spirit by allowing the colt his head. Nevertheless, Helissio could complicate matters for Peslier, and his short odds complete an unattractive package.

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Of the others, Darazari, a length behind Helissio in the Prix Niel last time out, would have better prospects on a sound surface. The same applies to Oscar Schindler, Radevore and Shaamit. Polaris Flight has become disappointing and Tamure lacks a recent run, while Luna Wells, Le Destin, Leonila and Leeds are long-shots of the longest order. Their connections will be praying for the lottery of an autumnal quagmire.

Classic Cliche would thrive in a quagmire and would be a most deserving winner, having tackled Ascot's twin peaks, the Gold Cup and King George, on his last two starts. The speed he showed in the latter contest was startling on ground believed to be too lively.

Classic Cliche's interrupted preparation came as a cruel blow to connections, who have acknowledged the disadvantage just when everything else was conspiring in the horse's favour. Nevertheless, if anywhere near his best, he has real prospects of disputing the finish.

That leaves Zagreb and Pilsudski, both of whom should act on the ground. Zagreb is an enigma. An inexperienced colt, he has been off-games since running away with the Irish Derby three months ago. Dermot Weld, his trainer, will ensure he lacks nothing in fitness, but the Theatrical colt faces a formidable task. Pilsudski is preferred for a minor berth. Rugged and improving in equal measure, he should thrive on the bustle.

In stark contrast to the Arc, the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp (1.30) rewards those of speedy inheritance. Remarkably, it was Alec Head who last won the sprint for France with Sigy 18 years ago.

But Alec's daughter, Criquette, looks poised to end the unhappy sequence with **Anabaa**, who remains unextended in six outings this season.

So strong is Britain's challenge for the Prix Marcel Boussac (2.05) that the prize looks destined for export. Somewhat curiously for a daughter of Danzig, Yashmak has been waiting for this ground. However, **Bianca Nera** appeals as one who should be followed until beaten, having already shown a willingness to travel when landing the Moyglare Stud Stakes in Ireland last month.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MONTSERRAT
(3.10 Haydock Park)
Next best: Poteen
(1.30 Haydock Park)

GEORGE SELWYN

Swain, here fending off Pentire in the Prix Foy, should confirm the form on softer ground tomorrow

BIG-RACE FIELD

2.50 FORTE MERIDIEN PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

BBC2

(Group I: £527,009: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

1	(13)	3121	SWAIN 21 (CD,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-9-5 (b c Nashwan - Love Smitten) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)	T Jarnet	94
2	(14)	144-	TAMURE 344 (CD,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 4-9-5 (b c Sadler's Wells - Three Tails) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)	F Head	95
3	(12)	-112	CLASSIC CLICHE 71 (F,G,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor (GB) 4-9-5 (b c Salse - Pato) (Royal blue)	L Dettori	96
4	(11)	1141	OSCAR SCHINDLER 15 (D,F,G,S) (O Lehane) K Prendergast (Ire) 4-9-5 (ch c Royal Academy - Saraday) (White, royal blue sash, red and blue quartered cap)	C Asmussen	98
5	(10)	1011	PILSUDSKI 35 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute (GB) 4-9-5 (b c Polish Precedent - Cocotte) (Pale blue, white and yellow check cap)	W R Swinburn	96
6	(8)	1253	LEEDS 21 (D,S) (R Soulaj) H Van de Poele 4-9-5 (b c Law Society - Miss Persal) (Black, yellow chevrons and cap)	O Doleuze	88
7	(7)	4312	PENTIRE 21 (D,BF,F,G) (T Yoshida) G Wragg (GB) 4-9-5 (b c Be My Guest - Gull Nook) (Black and yellow stripes, red sleeves)	M Hills	89
8	(6)	-134	SHAAMIT 22 (D,BF,F,G) (K Dasmal) W Haggas (GB) 3-8-11 (b c Mtoto - Shomoose) (Pink, green epaulets and armlets, green and pink hooped cap)	Pat Eddery	96
9	(2)	1013	RADEVORE 21 (C,F,G) (K Abdulla) A Fabre 3-8-11 (ch c Generous - Bloudan) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)	S Guillot	94
10	(16)	4112	DARAZARI 21 (D,G) (H H Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-11 (b c Sadler's Wells - Darara) (Green, red epaulets)	G Mosse	95
11	(15)	0220	POLARIS FLIGHT 21 (G,S) (M Abdullah) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 3-8-11 (b c Northern Flagship - Anytimeatall) (White, red stars on sleeves, emerald green cap)	J Reid	87
12	(1)	3650	LE DESTIN 21 (G) (M Debeusscher) P Demercastel 3-8-11 (b c Zayyani - My Darling) (Pink, green triple diamond, green sleeves, pink cap)	D Boeuf	86
13	(3)	121	ZAGREB 98 (D,G,S) (A Paulson) D Weld (Ire) 3-8-11 (b c Theatrical - Sophonisbe) (White, red epaulets, blue sleeves, white stars, quartered cap)	M J Kinane	96
14	(5)	1511	HELISSIO 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (E Sarasola) E Lellouche 3-8-11 (b c Fairy King - Helicol) (Yellow, green epaulets, yellow cap)	O Peslier	98
15	(9)	1016	LUNA WELLS 21 (C,F,G,S) (J-L Lagardere) A Fabre 3-8-8 (b f Sadler's Wells - Lunadix) (Grey, pink cap)	T Thulliez	88
16	(4)	2254	LEONILA 21 (D,F,G) (R Strauss) R Collet 3-8-8 (b f Caerleon - Dinalina) (White, green hoops, white sleeves, green armlet, hooped cap)	G Guignard	90

BETTING: Coral: 3-1 Helissio, 9-2 Swain, 6-1 Darazari, Zagreb, 7-1 Classic Cliche, 10-1 Pentire, Shaamit, 16-1 Oscar Schindler, Pilsudski, 25-1 Tamure, 40-1 Luna Wells, 50-1 Polaris Flight, Radevore, 100-1 Leonila, 150-1 Le Destin, Leeds.

Ladbrokes: 3-1 Helissio, 9-2 Swain, 5-1 Zagreb, 6-1 Darazari, 7-1 Classic Cliche, 8-1 Pentire, 11-1 Shaamit, 16-1 Pilsudski, 16-1 Oscar Schindler, 18-1 Tamure, 33-1 Luna Wells, 66-1 Polaris Flight, Radevore, 100-1 Leonila, 150-1 Le Destin, 200-1 Leeds.

Tote: 11-4 Helissio, 4-1 Swain, 6-1 Darazari, Zagreb, 7-1 Classic Cliche, 9-1 Pentire, 14-1 Shaamit, 16-1 Oscar Schindler, Pilsudski, 20-1 Tamure, 40-1 Luna Wells, 50-1 Radevore, 66-1 Polaris Flight, 100-1 Leonila, 150-1 Le Destin, 200-1 Leeds.

William Hill: 3-1 Helissio, 4-1 Swain, 5-1 Darazari, 11-2 Zagreb, 7-1 Classic Cliche, 10-1 Pentire, 12-1 Shaamit, 14-1 Pilsudski, 16-1 Oscar Schindler, 20-1 Tamure, 50-1 Luna Wells, 66-1 Polaris Flight, Radevore, 150-1 Le Destin, Leonila, 200-1 Leeds.

1995 LAMMTARRA 3-8-11 L Dettori (2-1 fav) S bin Suroor (GB) 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SWAIN beat PENTIRE ½l in 5-runner group II Prix Foy at Longchamp (1m 4f, good). TAMURE 4l and neck 4th of 13 to Northern Spur in grade I Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park (1m 4f, soft). CLASSIC CLICHE beat Strategic Choice 1½l in 5-runner group II East Coast Yorkshire Cup Stakes at York (1m 6f, good to firm). OSCAR SCHINDLER beat Key Change 3½l in 9-runner Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger at Curragh (1m 6f, good to firm). PILSUDSKI beat GERMANY ¾l in 7-runner group I Mercedes-Benz Grosser Preis Von Baden in Baden-Baden (1m 4f, good). PENTIRE beat CLASSIC CLICHE 1¾l in 8-runner group I King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SHAAMIT (4lb worse off) neck 3rd and OSCAR SCHINDLER 10l 4th. SHAAMIT 3l and neck 4th of 6 to Timarida in group I Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f, good). ZAGREB beat POLARIS FLIGHT 6l in 13-runner group I Budweiser Irish Derby at Curragh (1m 4f, good). HELISSIO beat DARAZARI 1l in 10-runner group II Prix Niel over course and distance (good) with RADEVORE 1½l 3rd, LE DESTIN 7½l 8th and POLARIS FLIGHT 1l 9th. LEONILA about ½l 4th of 10 to My Emma in group I Prix Vermeille over course and distance (1m 4f, good) with LUNA WELLS ½l 6th.

Selection: HELISSIO

Dettori denied opportunity to repeat historic exploit

FRANKIE DETTORI will not go through the card at Longchamp today. A week on from his historic achievement of partnering all seven winners at Ascot, he has rides in only six of the seven races on the first day of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting.

He has been able to secure a mount in only one of the two supporting events on a card which features five group races. "Frankie hasn't got a ride in the claimer," his agent, Matty Cowing, said yesterday. "But he could do it on Sunday, as he rides in all seven races!"

Punters aiming to hit the jackpot by backing Dettori's mounts are assured that British bookmakers will accept bets on each of the 14 races at Longchamp this weekend.

Ladbrokes' spokesman, Simon Clare, said: "We will be issuing early prices on the main races. Starting price bets will be settled at pari-mutuel odds."

But backers should be aware that Annaba, whom Dettori rides in today's Prix de Royallieu, will be coupled for betting purposes with Spanish Falls, as will be Ryafan (with Yashmak) in tomorrow's Prix Marcel Boussac and Classic Cliche (with Tamure and Swain) in the Arc.

LONGCHAMP BBC 2

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.30 PRIX DE L'ABBAYE DE LONGCHAMP

(Group I: £65,786: 5f) (10 runners)

1	1111	ANABAA 56 (F,G,S) Mme C Head 4-9-11	F Head 10
2	5130	RAMBLING BEAR 29 (F,G) M Blanshard (GB) 3-9-11	R Cochrane 3
3	0261	STRUGGLER 16 (F,G) D Loder (GB) 4-9-11	O Peslier 1
4	1621	EVENINGPERFORMANCE 22 (F,G,S) H Candy (GB) 5-9-8	C Rutter 6
5	0012	ALLEACHT 22 (F,G) J Bolger (Ire) 4-9-8	M J Kinane 7
6	4-32	EASY OPTION 133 (G,S) S bin Suroor (GB) 4-9-8	L Dettori 2
7	3462	DON'T WORRY ME 19 (F,G) G Henrot 4-9-8	A Junk 5
8	3242	HEVER GOLF ROSE 16 (F,G,S) T Naughton (GB) 5-9-8	Pat Eddery 9
9	1211	KISTENA 19 (F,G,S) Mme C Head 3-9-8	O Doleuze 8
10	1314	CARMINE LAKE 45 (F) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 2-8-4	T Quinn 4

1-3 Anabaa, 8-1 Easy Option, 10-1 Struggler, 14-1 Hever Golf Rose, 16-1 Kistena, Eveningperformance, 20-1 others.

2.05 PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC

(Group I: 2-Y-O fillies: £105,402: 1m) (13)

1	12	RYAFAN 28 (G) J Gosden (GB) 8-11	L Dettori 9
2	12	YASHMAK 73 (G) H Cecil (GB) 8-11	Pat Eddery 6
3	134	GREEN LADY 21 (G) A Fabre 8-11	T Jarnet 11
4	0224	DAME D'HARVARD 21 (G) R Collet 8-11	O Peslier 5
5	1310	SPRING DANCE 43 (G,S) P Bary 8-11	G Mosse 1
6	111	BIANCA NERA 28 (F,G) D Loder (GB) 8-11	K Darley 3
7	113	NAWAL 21 (G,S) J de Roualle 8-11	C Asmussen 13
8	312	DISSERTATION 21 (S) Mme C Head 8-11	F Head 4
9	110	FAMILY TRADITION 28 (G) A O'Brien (Ire) 8-11	W R Swinburn 2
10	1213	DANCING FIRE 71 (G) P Bogoev (Bul) 8-11	B Yoshanov 7
11	111	DANCE PARADE 109 (F) P Cole (GB) 8-11	T Quinn 12
12	5242	VEILED THREAT 29 R Collet 8-11	S Guillot 10
13	2141	SHIGERU SUMMIT 43 (G,S) C Boutin 8-11	M Boutin 8

5-2 Bianca Nera, 5-1 Ryafan, 6-1 Shigeru Summit, 8-1 Dissertation, Dance Parade, 10-1 Green Lady, Dame D'Harvard, Yashmak, 12-1 others.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
1.30 Party Romance. 2.00 Jennelle. 2.35 Wild Rita. 3.10 So Intrepid. 3.40 Master Beveled. 4.10 Jo Mell. 4.40 Kennemara Star.

GOING: SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 DEAUVILLE MAIDEN STAKES

(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,063: 7f 30yd) (11 runners)

101	0	AMICO 31 C Thornton 9-0	Dean McKeown 9
102	0	CAPTAIN CARPARTS 43 J Eyre 9-0	T Williams 10
103		FULLOPEP Mrs M Reveley 9-0	A Culhane 7
104		GHATAAS J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter 11
105	024	INDIAN BLAZE 23 P Harris 9-0	G Hind 5
106	4432	PARTY ROMANCE 31 B Hanbury 9-0	M Rimmer 8
107		POTEEN L Cumani 9-0	O Urbina 3
108	04	SANDWELD 36 C Dwyer 9-0	C Dwyer 6
109	00	YAM-SING 8 T Easterby 9-0	M Birch 1
110	4	BEA'S RUBY 51 A Bailey 8-9	D Harrison 4
111	342	CARIBBEAN STAR 43 M Stoute 8-9	K Fallon 2

5-2 Caribbean Star, 3-1 Party Romance, 7-2 Ghataas, 4-1 Poteen, 8-1 Fullopep, 10-1 Bea's Ruby, 12-1 Sandweld, 14-1 others

2.00 AUTEUIL CONDITIONS STAKES

(£4,484: 2-Y-O: 5f) (6)

201	1435	BIG BEN 4 (D,F) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham 5
202	5224	OLYMPIC SPIRIT 16 (D,F) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 4
203	210	VASARI 15 (D,G) M Channon 9-0	J Fortune 6
204	1234	JENNELLE 26 (D,F,G,S) C Dwyer 8-11	Jo Hunnam (7) 2
205	2662	SUPERIOR PREMIUM 17 (D,S) R Fahey 8-11	A Culhane 1
206	1	LOVING AND GIVING 27 (D,F) H Candy 8-6	G Carter 3

5-2 Olympic Spirit, 3-1 Jennelle, 7-2 Vasari, 5-1 Big Ben, 6-1 Superior Premium, 8-1 Loving And Giving

2.35 LONGCHAMP HANDICAP

(£3,989: 1m 3f 200yd) (20)

301	2485	HOUSE OF RICHES 9 (G) L Cumani 3-9-10	O Urbina 11
302	-122	WILD RITA 23 (D,BF,F,G) W Muir 4-9-9	K Fallon 16
303	0300	VAUGRENIER 5 (D,F) R Hannon 4-9-9	R Perham 20
304	5300	EXALTED 29 (G) M Prescott 3-9-8	S Sanders 13
305	/06	BLACKPATCH HILL 134 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 7-9-6	Kim Tinkler 4
306	0112	SUGAR MILL 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-6	A Culhane 17
307	0500	EVEZIO RUFO 151 (V,S) N Littmoden 4-9-3	T G McLaughlin 7
308	212-	TURNPOLE 191J (F) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-3	G Lee (5) 8
309	5022	SOBA UP 6 (D,F,S) T Etherington 6-9-3	M Birch 9
310	6200	BECHSTEIN 58 (B) J Dunlop 3-9-3	G Carter 15
311	51-4	DEBUTANTE DAYS 80 (C,F,S) C Egerton 4-9-1	Sophie Mitchell (5) 19
312	4040	MENTALASANYTHIN 6 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) D Haydn Jones 7-9-1	L Charnock 14
313	2260	COIS NA FARRAIGE 15 (D,F) Miss L Perratt 3-9-1	J Carroll 12
314	3623	CLASSIC PARISIAN 15 R Harris 3-9-0	R Price 1
315	2043	RUSK 9 J Pearce 3-9-0	M Wigham 6
316	2416	BELLATOR 121 (C,S) G Balding 3-9-0	S Drowne 10
317	3051	NAVAL GAZER 32 (D,F,G) D Loder 3-8-13	D R McCabe 18
318	3223	VOILA PREMIERE 57 (F) M Tompkins 4-8-13	M Henry (3) 5
319	0050	JOHNS ACT 130 (D,G,S) D Haydn Jones 6-8-13	D Harrison 2
320	0016	FAR DAWN 11 (F) G Harwood 3-8-12	A Clark 3

5-1 Sugar Mill, 6-1 Wild Rita, 7-1 House Of Riches, 8-1 Voila Premiere, 10-1 Naval Gazer, Rusk, 12-1 Turnpole, Soba Up, Mentalasanythin, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Haggas, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%. W Jarvis, 9 from 34, 26.5%. Bob Jones, 6 from 23, 26.1%. J Dunlop, 28 from 121, 23.1%. J Gosden, 24 from 109, 22.0%. B Hills, 16 from 75, 21.3%.

JOCKEYS: T Sprake, 9 winners from 43 rides, 20.9%. D Harrison, 7 from 46, 15.2%. D R McCabe, 3 from 21, 14.3%. S Sanders, 5 from 39, 12.8%. J Carroll, 26 from 216, 12.0%. B Doyle, 4 from 39, 10.3%.

☐ Cigar attempts to repeat his success of 12 months ago in the grade one Jockey Club Gold Cup (1m 2f) at Belmont Park today. On the same card, Paul Cole's Posidonas and the Dermot Weld-trained Definite Article tackle the grade one Turf Classic (1m 4f).

3.10 D. H. WELTON & CO HANDICAP

(£6,031: 6f) (24)

401	0446	RED NYMPH 32 (D,F) W Jarvis 3-10-0	F Lynch (3) 7
402	5310	DON'T CARE 15 (B,D,G) Miss L Perratt 5-9-13	J Carroll 2
403	5000	CROSS THE BORDER 71 (F) D Nicholls 3-9-13	Alex Greaves 24
404	2100	SEA-DEER 15 (D,F,G,S) C Dwyer 7-9-11	C Dwyer 19
405	2122	MR BERGERAC 15 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 5-9-11	T Sprake 6
406	6000	NORWEGIAN BLUE 46 (V,D,S) A Jarvis 3-9-8	J Fortune 10
407	2100	BENZOE 15 (D,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-7	K Fallon 12
408	-066	CHARLIE SILLETT 115 (CD,F,S) B Hills 4-9-7	J D Smith (3) 8
409	2000	TILER 15 (D,F,S) M Johnston 4-9-6	B Doyle 23
410	1020	ANTONIAS MELODY 108 (D,G,S) S Bowring 3-9-5	C Teague (3) 14
411	6006	SAILORMAITE 8 (B,CD,G,S) S Bowring 5-9-5	Dean McKeown 18
412	2300	SPLICING 46 (D,G) W Haggas 3-9-4	D Harrison 16
413	6060	SO INTREPID 15 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 6-9-4	G Hind 21
414	3000	BARREL OF HOPE 24 (B,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 4-9-3	R Lappin 13
415	0132	PALACEGATE JACK 13 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) C Dwyer 5-9-3	P Roberts (5) 15
416	5000	BOLLIN HARRY 15 (D,F,G) T Easterby 4-9-3	M Birch 3
417	2113	LOUGH ERNE 24 (D,BF,F,S) C Wall 4-9-3	S Sanders 9
418	6140	MONTSERRAT 22 (V,D,G,S) L Cottrell 4-9-0	M Fenton 5
419	0000	GARNOCK VALLEY 8 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-8-13	G Carter 4
430	2015	FRIENDLY BRAVE 11 (D,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-8-13	M Rimmer 1
421	2-40	ERUPT 28 (V,D,S) G Balding 3-8-12	A Clark 22
422	3-06	CORPORAL NYM 16 P Cole 3-8-11	A Culhane 17
423	3455	PURPLE FLING 19 (D,F,G) L Cottrell 5-8-10	D Griffiths (5) 20
424	0400	HIGH DOMAIN 29 (CD,G,S) J Spearing 5-8-9	S Drowne 11

6-1 Mr Bergerac, 8-1 Sea-Deer, Lough Erne, Bollin Harry, 10-1 So Intrepid, Don't Care, Red Nymph, 12-1 Palacegate Jack, Benzoe, Tiler, 14-1 others.

3.40 SAINT-CLOUD LIMITED STAKES

(£3,139: 1m 2f 120yd) (16)

501	1213	STORMLESS 17 (D,F,G) P Monteith 5-9-6	J Bramhill (7) 2
502	1404	BREAK THE RULES 6 (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4	D Harrison 9
503	6000	MASTER BEVELED 7 (C,F,G,S) P Evans 6-9-2	K Fallon 1
504	-655	SHAMOKIN 53 F Watson 4-9-2	Dean McKeown 7
505	/30-	SURREY DANCER 358J (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-2	S Copp (5) 12
506	6010	GLORIANA 18 (C,F,S) Lady Herries 4-9-1	J Quinn 13
507	5456	RON'S SECRET 18 (C,F,S) J Payne 4-8-13	J Carroll 16
508	4040	SISTAR ACT 4 (D,F,G) M Channon 3-8-13	A Eddery (7) 5
509	0335	SOUTH SEA BUBBLE 18 (BF) L Cumani 4-8-13	O Urbina 3
510	2231	URGENT SWIFT 9 (D,F) A Jarvis 3-8-12	J Fortune 4
511	-054	ALSAHIB 111 W Muir 3-8-10	S Sanders 10
512	3-14	DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 176 (V,G) M Bell 3-8-10	M Fenton 6
513	0434	SHU GAA 73 (G) W Haggas 3-8-10	G Hind 11
514	5220	TISSUE OF LIES 57 M Johnston 3-8-10	B Doyle 15
515	633	CLASSIC DAME 26 R Harris 3-8-7	R Price 14
516	4635	KATHRYN'S PET 150 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7	A Culhane 8

6-1 Urgent Swift, 8-1 Break The Rules, Classic Dame, Ron's Secret, 10-1 others.

4.10 MAISONS-LAFFITTE HANDICAP

(£5,823: 3-Y-O: 1m 30yd) (12)

601	4430	HERODIAN 12 (B,C,G) J Gosden 9-7	J Carroll 6
602	0100	MANALOJ 110 (D,F) P Walwyn 9-3	J Fortune 10
603	1-30	WARMING TRENDS 29 (G,S) M Prescott 9-2	S Sanders 2
604	3532	JO MELL 36 (G) T Easterby 9-1	M Birch 11
605	3015	REBEL COUNTY 7 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 9-1	D Biggs 9
606	4100	THERHEA 110 (D,S) B Millman 9-0	B Doyle 4
607	0200	SUALTACH 37 (V,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-0	D Harrison 5
608	-100	ROMAN GOLD 23 (C,D,G) R Hannon 8-12	R Perham 8
609	1004	NASRUDIN 57 (D,F) D Loder 8-11	D R McCabe 12
610	6525	TRAFALGAR LADY 29 (S) R Charlton 8-10	T Sprake 3
611	0400	POLAR PROSPECT 32 (F) B Hanbury 8-3	J Stack 7
612	0100	LE TETEU 55 (CD,BF,G) Bob Jones 7-10	J Quinn 1

3-1 Jo Mell, 9-2 Rebel County, 6-1 Trafalgar Lady, Warming Trends, 8-1 others

4.40 DEAUVILLE MAIDEN STAKES

(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,046: 7f 30yd) (11)

1		DANIEL DERONDA P Harris 9-0	G Hind 7
2		DRUMGOR PRINCE A Jarvis 9-0	J Fortune 4
3		DUNSTON GOLD P Bevan 9-0	N Carlisle 1
4		FUTURE PERFECT M W Easterby 9-0	G Parkin (5) 10
5	4	KALOUSION 4 W Elsey 9-0	J Carroll 5
6	05	KENNEMARA STAR 38 J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter 3
7	5	MUTABARI 109 D Morley 9-0	M Fenton 9
8	0	PROPELLANT 30 C Thornton 9-0	Dean McKeown 11
9	0	SAND CAY 22 R Hannon 9-0	R Perham 8
10		ITATINGA M Stoute 8-9	K Fallon 2
11	0	MURRAY GREY 18 E Weymes 8-9	J Quinn 6

7-4 Itatinga, 5-2 Kennemara Star, 7-2 Mutabari, 8-1 Sand Cay, 12-1 others

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER
2.10 Typhoon Lad. 2.40 Greenback. 3.15 Vicosa. 3.50 JIMMY'S CROSS (nap). 4.20 Captain Khedive. 4.50 Hunters Rock.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (HURDLES) SIS

2.10 CHILDREN'S CHOICE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,898: 2m) (10 runners)

1		BELOW THE RED LINE 44F Mrs N Macauley 10-10	D Gallagher
2		CANONS PARK 395F I Balding 10-10	J Osborne
3	6	ORANGE ORDER 29 (BF) J White 10-10	N Williamson
4		SOLDIER BLUE 9F P Hobbs 10-10	A P McCoy
5		TRUANCY 15F C Mann 10-10	J Railton
6		TYPHOON LAD 12F S Dow 10-10	A Dicken
7	20	HOW COULD-I 10 (B) Mrs N Macauley 10-5	A Maguire
8		KALAO TUA 95F J Fanshawe 10-5	P Hide
9	F	TALLULAH BELLE 4F N Littmoden 10-5	M Richards
10	P	WATER MUSIC MELODY 52 T Greathead 10-5	W Humphreys

5-2 Canons Park, 7-2 Orange Order, 4-1 Kalao Tua, 5-1 Soldier Blue, 7-1 Truancy, 10-1 Typhoon Lad, 12-1 others

2.40 STAINES NEWS & LEADER NOVICES CHASE

(£3,436: 2m) (5)

1	0-21	CELIBATE 22 (D,F,G,S) C Mann 5-11-9	J Railton
2	6422	CAXTON 15 (BF,F,S) J White 9-11-4	N Williamson
3	2-FD	HOLY WANDERER 16 (F,G) T George 7-11-4	G Hogan (3)
4	01/	GREENBACK 466F (F,G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-3	C Llewellyn
5	443-	NIGHT IN A MILLION 132 S Woodman 5-11-3	J F Titley

7-4 Greenback, 9-4 Holy Wanderer, 11-4 Celibate, 8-1 Night In A Million, 12-1 Caxton.

3.15 SUNDAY RACING HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,788: 3m) (5)

1	421-	STRAIGHT TALK 148 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 9-12-0	A P McCoy
2	11-1	FACTOR TEN 119 (F,G) Miss H Knight 8-10-13	J F Titley
3	053-	BAS DE LAINE 132 (C,F,G) M Hammond 10-10-10	Mr C Bonner (3)
4	112-	VICOSA 159 (D,F,S) R Alner 7-10-7	P Henley (5)
5	322-	BIG BEN DUN 127 (D,F,G,S) C Brooks 10-10-2	D Gallagher

2-1 Factor Ten, 11-4 Straight Talk, 7-2 Bas De Laine, 9-2 Vicosa, 6-1 Big Ben Dun

3.50 WWW.RACING.PRESS.NET HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,599: 2m 5f) (6)

1	225-	JIMMY'S CROSS 159 (F,G) G Balding 6-11-10	A P McCoy
2	2-31	AMAZE 8 (F,S) Lady Herries 7-11-6	Mr R Thornton (7)
3	231-	CAVINA 199 (F,S) N Graham 6-11-3	G Bradley
4	3-12	BLASKET HERO 24 (B,F,G) Mrs S Williams 8-11-0	N Williamson
5	140-	MR COPYFORCE 9F (G) Miss B Sanders 6-10-10	M Richards
6	P5-3	CABOCHON 20 (G,S) J Joseph 9-10-4	C Llewellyn

2-1 Amaze, 11-4 Cavina, 7-2 Mr Copyforce, 9-2 Jimmy's Cross, 6-1 Blasket Hero, 8-1 Cabochon.

4.20 KEMPTON PARK HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,429: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1	324-	GLEMOT 127 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-13	J Osborne
2	-211	CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 3 (C,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-9	P Hide
3	15-2	CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 40 (D,BF,F,G) G Balding 6-11-1	A P McCoy
4	231-	SUPER TACTICS 158 (CD,G,S) R Alner 8-10-9	P Henley (5)

5-4 Captain Khedive, 2-1 Conti D'Estruval, 3-1 Super Tactics, 9-2 Glemot.

4.50 KIDS FREE NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,840: 2m) (12)

1	320-	ATH CHEANNAITHE 139F J Neville 4-10-12	D Bridgwater
2	0P-	CULTURAL ICON 22F P Mitchell 4-10-12	G Bradley
3	120-	HUNTERS ROCK 373 (F) K Bailey 7-10-12	A Thornton
4	50-	JAAZIM 11F M Madgwick 6-10-12	B Fenton
5		MANNAGAR 50F Jamie Poulton 4-10-12	Mr P O'Keeffe (7)
6	040-	MAZZINI 144 R Rowe 5-10-12	L Aspell (5)
7		POLO KIT 22F R O'Sullivan 5-10-12	P Holley
8	306-	SAMAKA HARA 222F Graeme Roe 4-10-12	N Williamson
9	0-20	WANSTEAD 23 (B) J Jenkins 4-10-12	A Maguire
10	04-	WATER HAZARD 276F S Dow 4-10-12	A P McCoy
11	/5-6	COLIN'S PRIDE 24 Mrs S Williams 5-10-7	R Farrant
12	0/	MILLFIELD MISS 557 H Haynes 7-10-7	Miss G Upton

9-4 Hunters Rock, 7-2 Polo Kit, 9-2 Jaazim, 6-1 Ath Cheannaithe, 8-1 Wanstead, 10-1 Samaka Hara, 12-1 Mazzini, 14-1 Mannagar, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; R Alner, 7 from 21, 33.3%. P Nicholls, 4 from 12, 33.3%. Miss H Knight, 8 from 35, 22.9%. K Bailey, 10 from 46, 21.7%. P Hobbs, 5 from 43, 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 11 winners from 51 rides, 21.6%. A Maguire, 15 from 72, 20.8%. A P McCoy, 6 from 30, 20.0%. J Osborne, 20 from 101, 19.8%. P Hide, 6 from 37, 16.2%. C Llewellyn, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

☐ *Sensation* (Walter Swinburn) and Shake The Yoke (Eddie Delahoussaye) represent France in the grade two Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (1m 1f) at Keeneland today.

KELSO

THUNDERER
2.30 Monaco Gold. 3.00 Royal Surprise. 3.30 Ballpoint. 4.00 The Yank. 4.30 Valiant Dash. 5.00 Prizefighter.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.30 RADIO BORDERS NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,884: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1	380-	GRANDERISE 130 D Swindlehurst 6-10-12	Mr D Swindlehurst
2	00-5	I'M THE MAN 11 Mrs E Slack 5-10-12	K Johnson
3	625-	BEAU MATELOT 160F Miss M Milligan 4-10-11	A S Smith
4	25	COMMANDER GLEN 10 M Hammond 4-10-11	R Garritty
5	323	FATEHALKHAIR 22 (BF) B Ellison 4-10-11	G Cahill (3)
6	P-	MONACO GOLD 15F Mrs M Reveley 4-10-11	P Niven
7	PP-0	LOGANI 11 R McKellar 6-10-7	D Parker
8	00-	WALK IN THE WILD 6F D Nolan 4-10-6	B Storey

7-4 Fatehalkhair, 5-2 Commander Glen, 7-2 Monaco Gold, 5-1 Beau Matelot, 8-1 Granderise, 12-1 I'm The Man, 16-1 others.

3.00 HIGHLAND PARK 12-Y-O SINGLE MALT NOVICES CHASE (£2,125: 3m 1f) (8)

1	04-1	GERMAN LEGEND 15 (F) D Lamb 6-11-5	J Burke
2	34-1	TIGHTER BUDGET 10 (F,G,S) Mrs H Sayer 9-11-5	M Moloney
3	0/P-	JAMARSAM 155 N Waggott 8-10-12	Mr J Davies (7)
4	0335	QUIXALL CROSSETT 30 E Came 11-10-12	Mr P Murray (7)
5	/2-	ROYAL SURPRISE 147P (S) W Reed 9-10-12	T Reed
6	-34F	TONY'S FEELINGS 10 (F) Miss L Russell 8-10-12	M Foster
7	0P-0	BRIGHT DESTINY 11 J Goldie 5-10-9	G Cahill (3)
8	00-6	MISS LAMPLIGHT 10 F Murtagh 6-10-7	A Dobbin

5-4 Tighter Budget, 7-4 German Legend, 5-1 Royal Surprise, 8-1 Miss Lamplight, 12-1 Tony's Feelings, 16-1 others

3.30 MACALLAN 10-Y-O SINGLE MALT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,856: 2m 110yd) (7)

1	12	KERNOF 34 (B,BF,F) M Hammond 11-3	R Garritty
2	1	IN A TIZZY 15 (F) P Haslam 10-12	M Foster
3		BALLPOINT 19F G Moore 10-10	J Callaghan
4	2	COTTAGE PRINCE 22 J Quinn 10-10	L Wyer
5	0	EURO EXPRESS 15 T Easterby 10-10	P Niven
6		RAGTIME COWGIRL 7F D Nolan 10-5	B Storey
7	5	SHE'S SIMPLY GREAT 36F J O'Neill 10-5	R McGrath (5)

9-4 Cottage Prince, 3-1 In A Tizzy, 7-2 Kernof, 4-1 Ballpoint, 8-1 Euro Express, 12-1 She's Simply Great, 16-1 Ragtime Cowgirl

4.00 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,404: 3m 1f) (4)

1	1123	ROYAL VACATION 22 (CD,BF,F,G) G Moore 7-11-10	J Callaghan
2	2213	THE YANK 16 (B,BF,F,G) M Hammond 10-11-3	R Garritty
3	3-P0	OFF THE BRU 11 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-6	Mr M Bradburne (7)
4	3532	UPWELL 2 (F) R Johnson 12-10-0	K Johnson

4-5 Royal Vacation, 6-4 The Yank, 8-1 Off The Bru, 12-1 Upwell

4.30 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP HURDLE

(Amateurs: £2,318. 2m 6f 110yd) (9)

1	-133	RED JAM JAR 15 (F,G) S Bell 11-11-10	N Wilson (5)
2	-321	VALIANT DASH 10 (F,G,S) J Goldie 10-11-5	O McPhail (7)
3	35-3	BALLINDOO 41 (F) R Armson 7-11-1	R Armson (7)
4	06-2	JABAROOT 10 R McKellar 5-11-0	R Hale (5)
5	460-	BRIDLE PATH 156 (G) T Easterby 5-10-11	K Whelan (3)
6	006-	TALL MEASURE 131 (B,C,F) D Swindlehurst 10-10-10	D Swindlehurst (7)
7	P-FF	ANOTHER NICK 43 (F) J Hubbuck 10-10-8	Miss P Robson (7)
8	-355	YACHT CLUB 16 (D,F) J Eyre 14-10-2	Miss A Armitage (7)
9	P-5P	LAURIE-O 2 (B,F,G,S) D Lamb 12-10-0	J Davies (7)

3-1 Valiant Dash, 7-2 Red Jam Jar, 4-1 Jabaroot, 6-1 Bridle Path, 8-1 Ballindoo, 10-1 Tall Measure, 12-1 Yacht Club, 20-1 others.

5.00 BUNNAHABHAIN 12-Y-O MALT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,248: 2m 110yd) (7)

1	0124	BURES 15 (D,F,G) Mrs J Brown 5-12-0	B Grattan (7)
2	01-1	PRIZEFIGHTER 16 (D,F) J Eyre 5-11-10	D Pears
3	153-	DESERT FIGHTER 9F (F) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-9	P Niven
4	335P	VAIN PRINCE 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-11-4	R Garritty
5	3-54	WELL APPOINTED 15 (F) B Mactaggart 7-10-13	B Storey
6	634-	STYLISH INTERVAL 132 N Waggott 4-10-7	Richard Guest
7	-304	RICHMOND 15 (D,F,G) Miss Z Green 8-10-2	Mr K Whelan (3)

9-4 Prizefighter, 5-2 Desert Fighter, 7-2 Vain Prince, 6-1 Bures, 8-1 Well Appointed, 10-1 Stylish Interval, 12-1 Richmond

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 32 winners from 105 runners, 30.5%. Miss L Russell, 3 from 14, 21.4%. G Moore, 10 from 49, 20.4%. M Hammond, 14 from 78, 17.9%. N Tinkler, 3 from 21, 14.3%. Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 43 winners from 111 rides, 38.7%. A Dobbin, 25 from 122, 20.5%. M Moloney, 11 from 56, 19.6%. A Thornton, 9 from 46, 19.6%. J Callaghan, 9 from 46, 19.6%. P G Cahill, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME TOMORROW: Haydock Park: 2.35 Bechstein. 3.10 Garnock Valley. 4.10 Sualtach. Kempton Park: 2.10 How Could-I. 4.50 Wanstead

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FROM DAVID HANDS, *RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME*

SCOTT GIBBS will become the first British player to make the journey from international rugby union to the equivalent status in rugby league and back again to union when he runs out at the historic Stadio Olimpico here today. Not that history seems much on Gibbs's mind. For him, rugby has been a job of work for three years and, even in the colours of Wales, that does not change.

The Swansea centre, picking up his union career after a well-paid hiatus with St Helens, will win his 21st cap against Italy. During his absence Wales have played 31 internationals and have not obviously improved the status they occupied before Gibbs left, an inference he may correctly draw given the speed with which he has been restored to the national side after only six appearances for Swansea. He may soon be joined by other prodigals — Richard Webster, the Bath flanker, and David Young, the Cardiff prop.

"The management have had faith in me and it's up to me to repay that," Gibbs, 25, said yesterday after a team had been announced showing six changes of personnel from the XV beaten 40-33 by France last month. "When you pull the red jersey on you feel a lot better . . . but history doesn't mean that much. I want the win bonus on Saturday, then back home Sunday."

So much for romance. For a player such as Dafydd James, playing his first full international, today will mean much more. The Bridgend wing was capped against Australia as a replacement during the summer but now appears in a team robbed by injury of Ieuan Evans, Nigel Davies and Mike Voyle. The management contemplated change at half back, too, but given the number of enforced switches elsewhere, decided to leave Neil Jenkins and Robert Howley in place.

For the developoment of this Wales team, in which Gareth Llewellyn makes his fiftieth appearance, victory is essential but no more so than for Italy, for whom this is the first of six significant internationals this winter. They play each of the five nations — whose championship they feel they are entitled to join — as well as Australia on October 23 and have set a minimum target of three victories. "We want to prove we can play good rugby and compete with the best teams," Massimo Cuttitta, their captain, said.

In the past four years their results show how the gap on Wales is closing: from 43-12, to 29-19 and, last January, 31-26 — all in games played in Cardiff. On their own territory, the Italians, drawn effectively from the two best clubs, Treviso and Milan, will not be easily subdued, though they lack the recent match practice enjoyed by Wales against the French and the Barbarians. Italy give a first cap to Leonardo Manteri on the wing though, at 28, he is a mature player, in keeping with the general nature of a side that will be marshalled by one of the world's leading points accumulators, Diego Dominguez.

As host nation, Wales could not have received a much more favourable draw for the 1999 Rugby World Cup that was announced yesterday: they are seeded in pool D, alongside the leading qualifier from the American pool — probably Argentina or Canada — the third-placed Pacific country and the sixth-placed European country.

Though the qualifying positions of England, Scotland and Ireland will not be known until November 1998 there is a possibility of England joining New Zealand in pool B. The two nations met in the opening game of the 1991 tournament. South Africa, the holders, head pool A, while it is reasonable to assume that Australia will head the Pacific qualifiers and become the leading country in pool E.

ITALY: M Ravazzolo (Calvisano), P Vaccari (Calvisano), S Bordon (Rovigo), I Francescato (Treviso), L Manteri (Treviso), D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Treviso); M Cuttitta (Milan, captain), C Orlandi (Milan), F Properzi Curti (Milan), A Sgorlon (Treviso), P-P Pedroni (Milan), D Scaglia (Treviso), O Arancio (Milan), C Checchinato (Treviso).

WALES: W T Proctor (Llanelli); S D Hill (Cardiff), G Thomas (Bridgend), I S Gibbs (Swansea), D James (Bridgend); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Howley (Cardiff); C D Loader (Swansea), J M Humphreys (Cardiff, captain), J D Davies (Neath), H T Taylor (Cardiff), G O Llewellyn (Harlequins), D Jones (Cardiff), K P Jones (Ebbw Vale), S M Williams (Neath).

Referee: C Spannenberg (South Africa).

City institutions ready to encounter poverty

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE difference between the haves and have-nots in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship is starkly illustrated by the meetings this weekend between the moneyed leading pair and the breadline bottom two: Harlequins playing Orrell and Wasps visiting Gloucester.

To compound matters, Orrell have faced nearly all the strongest sides so far, while Harlequins' fixture list has been strangely benevolent. Their meeting at the Stoop today suggests only one likely outcome before the league shuts down, until October 31, for European commitments.

Robbie Paul, the New Zealand-born Bradford rugby league scrum half, impressed at Swansea in midweek and gets a further chance at centre for Harlequins today in partnership with Gary Connolly. This match should be a truer measure of his considerable talents. Meanwhile, Will Carling will try to add to the feeling that England could do worse than select him at stand-off half for the match with Italy next month.

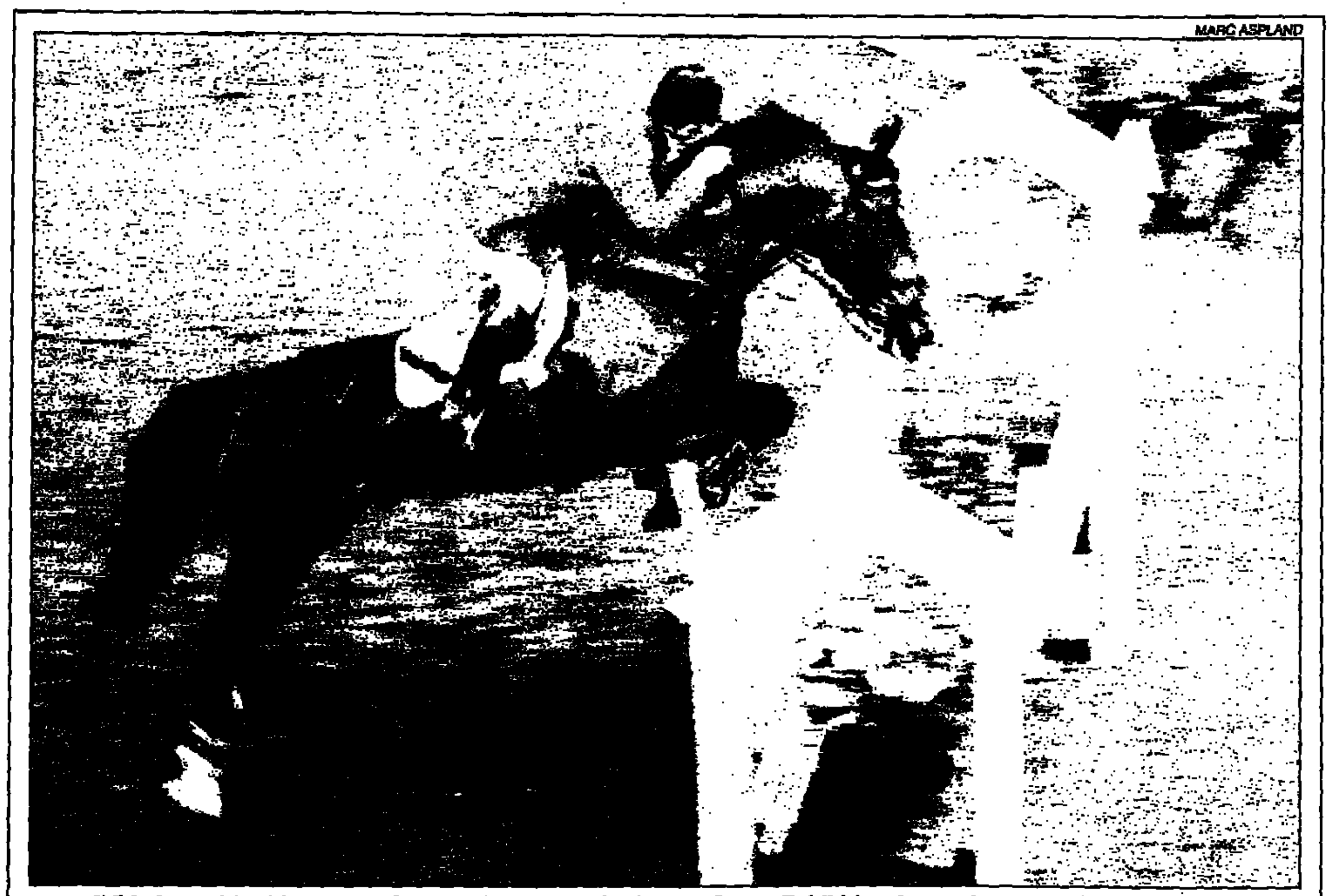
Like Orrell, Gloucester are without a win. They entertain Wasps tomorrow and have opted for Nathan Carter, a local boy, at flanker, in preference to Ian Smith, the Scotland international. Despite their unbeaten record, a worry for Wasps is that they have conceded more tries than they have scored. In the week that he was nominated for the enlarged England training squad, Will Green returns at prop for the London club.

Northampton, in fourth place, need to make hay at home for a fifth time in six games at the expense of Sale, who may or may not have John Mitchell, their New Zealand director of rugby, on the pitch. The Department for Education and Employment says Mitchell has not been cleared to play, and the Rugby Football Union agrees. Mitchell has a work permit to coach but not play, in which case his 16-minute appearance at London Irish, two weeks ago, needs investigation.

Sale are tiring of the red tape. "In the event he plays for Sale, the club is satisfied of the legal entitlement for him to do so," Howard Thomas, their chief executive, said. Up until last night, Mitchell was still pencilled in at blind-side flanker. For Northampton, Martin Hynes returns to the front row after a six-week ban and Nick Beal reverts to full back.

Bath and Leicester, the leading two clubs last season, need to make up lost ground against lowly opposition. The champions visit London Irish without Henry Paul, who is learning his trade at full back in the second team. An elbow operation forces Gary Halpin, the Irish captain, to miss his first game of the season. Liam Mooney switches to tight-head prop. Leicester travel to West Hartlepool with Martin Johnson doubtful because of a damaged neck. Neil Fletcher stands by. The home side give a debut to Craig Hart, another of their Welsh recruits, in place of Chris Murphy, who is injured.

MARC ASPLAND



Whitaker guides Elton over a fence on the way to winning the Danco Exhibition Cup at the Horse of the Year Show

Whitaker settles for diminishing return

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

WHILE his older brother, John, flew from Wembley to the Bremen Show in Germany yesterday to chase a £40,000 prize, Michael Whitaker was content to collect £500 in the Danco Exhibition Cup, the main event at the Horse of the Year Show yesterday.

"I know it's not much money — but after my luck this year I'm just pleased to win," Whitaker said after he and Elton, his ten-year-old stallion, had relegated Guy Goosen, on Carat, to second place by a comfortable 1.67sec in the 24-strong speed class.

Although Whitaker was also invited to Bremen — together with Nick Skelton and Geoff Billington — he declined because of a shortage of horses. Midnight Madness, his former top horse, pulled a ligament in Aachen in June. Touchdown, lent to him by James Kernan, of Ireland, is recovering from a severe attack of colic.

Two Step, Whitaker's present top horse, now appears fit after his poor showing in Atlanta — where he was suffering from a pulled a muscle in his back — but Whitaker is using him sparingly. He pulled him out of the 15-horse jump-off for the Venue of Legends on Thursday night in order to save him for the rest of the show.

Elton, who he bought four years ago, had at first seemed a championship prospect, finishingthird in the 1994 Glasgow Masters, but Whitaker realised his limitations six months later when the stallion found the jump-off for the Brussels Volvo World Cup qualifier "hard work."

"But you can't fault him as a second horse," Whitaker said. "He's fast and very careful." At the end of August he won the small grand prix in Rotterham. Yesterday he made light work of the 12-fence course.

Whitaker was out of luck later in the SGC Scaffolding Twin Towers Trophy, which was won in convincing style by James Fisher, on Renville, the runners-up in the Venue of Legends.

WEMBLEY DETAILS

RESULTS: Wembley Welcome Stakes: 1, Trudo Jannique (L Philippaerts, Bel) 49.93sec; 2, Sublime (N Skelton, GB) 50.69; 3, Ivoor (F Mathey, Bel) 5.29. Venue of Legends: 1, Bon Ami (E Wauters, Bel), 0 in 27.08sec; 2, Renville (J Fisher, GB), 0 in 27.39; 3, Iller (G Dominici, It), 0 in 29.74. Danco Exhibition Cup: 1, Elton (M Whitaker, GB) 0 in 58.16sec; 2, Caral (G Goosen, GB) 0 in 59.83; 3, Banbury Cross (N Coupe, GB) 0 in 60.11. SGC Scaffolding Ltd Twin Towers Trophy: 1, Renville (J Fisher, GB) 0 in 35.80; 2, Bodyguard (P le Jeune, Bel) 0 in 37.92; 3, Hausers Bangui del Follee (D Hauser, Ger) 0 in 38.20. The McCusker Show Hunter of the Year: Champion: J Ashmole's The Showman (B Bryan). Reserve: Colchester Commercials' Regal Max (A Hood). The NPS Bankers Equine Direct Mountain and Moorland Working Hunter Pony Championship: 1, J S Barton's Hopclaws Flamingo (H Harrison); 2, A Colbatch Clark's Collenna Hebe (A Brewer); 3, I C Wooldridge's Wharley Fairy Story (I Wooldridge). National Under-18 Championship: 1, Cowboy Magic Gammon (L Whitaker) 0 in 37.83; 2, Cannon (C Ladell) 0 in 42.83; 3, Lane Ends Lad (N-A Douglas) 4 in 57.33

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Grey hits out at officials

TANNI GREY, the Paralympic Games gold medal-winner, has criticised Malaysian officials who have announced that there are no plans to include events for disabled athletes at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur.

The Malaysian organising committee has insisted that there is no obligation on the host nation to include disability events on the schedule. "It's disappointing because at other major events like the Olympics and world championships we do have the chance to compete on such great stages," Grey, the winner of the 800 metres wheelchair event in Atlanta, said.

"It would be great to compete for Wales rather than just Britain all the time and it will be interesting to see if the Malaysian authorities get away with it."

Dave McCray, the chairman of the Athletes' Paralympics Committee, said that he was disappointed but added: "We are not clutching at straws. We only want events where the organisers are committed to doing it well."

Norman Sarsfield, the chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, said that there was every intention of including disabled sport in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002. The 1994 Games, in Victoria, Canada, had four disabled competitions — bowls, swimming and two athletics events.

ICE HOCKEY

League sets out its stall

WITH the Superleague attracting so much publicity, very little has been heard of the other competitions in British ice hockey and, in an attempt to rectify that, the Premier League held its official launch yesterday (*Norman de Mesquita writes*).

It comprises eight teams that will play each other four times at home and four away. There will be end-of-season play-offs, in which the top four from the Premier League will meet the top four in the Northern Premier League, with semi-finals and a final during a weekend, to be held at a neutral venue. A five-man committee will run the league, with the British Ice Hockey Association responsible for refereeing, discipline and junior development.

Basingstoke Bison, of the Superleague, yesterday announced a three-year sponsorship deal with Pepsi said to be worth "a substantial five figure sum". It is a boost for the Bison, who take a two-goal lead into the second leg of their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Bracknell Bees tomorrow. All four ties are finely balanced, none more so than the one in Cardiff today, with the Devils having beaten Nottingham Panthers 1-0 in the first leg. Ayr Scottish Eagles have a two-goal edge over Manchester Storm, while Sheffield Steelers lead Newcastle Cobras by three.

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

World Cup
Qualifying group four
(-) Latvia v Scotland
(at Daugava Stadium, Riga, 6.15)

Qualifying group seven
(-) Wales v Holland
(at Cardiff Arms Park, 7.0)

Qualifying group nine
(-) Northern Ireland v Armenia
(at Windsor Park, Belfast)

Nationwide League
First division
(1) Bradford v Southend
(2) Charlton v Barnsley P
(3) Grimsby v Queens Park Rangers
(4) Ipswich v Swindon P
(5) Oldham v Port Vale
(-) Oxford Utd v Bolton P
(6) Wolverhampton v Reading

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	10	7	2	1	24	13	23
Norwich	10	6	3	1	14	6	21
Barnsley	9	6	1	2	17	10	19
Crystal Palace	10	4	5	1	23	10	17
Wolverhampton	10	5	2	3	15	11	17
Stoke	9	4	3	2	14	15	15
* Tranmere	10	4	3	3	12	10	15
Ipswich	10	3	5	2	16	13	14
Oxford Utd	10	4	2	4	13	8	14
Sheff Utd	8	4	1	3	16	12	13
Huddersfield	8	4	1	3	13	11	13
West Brom	9	3	4	2	13	12	13
QPR	10	3	4	3	12	12	13
Port Vale	10	2	6	2	9	10	12
Man City	9	4	0	5	9	11	12
Swindon	10	3	2	5	11	13	11
* Portsmouth	10	3	2	5	8	13	11
Bradford	10	3	1	6	9	16	10
Charlton	8	3	1	4	7	8	10
Southend	10	2	3	5	11	22	9
Birmingham	7	2	3	2	8	7	9
Grimsby	10	2	2	6	12	23	8
Reading	9	2	1	6	10	21	7
Oldham	10	0	3	7	8	17	3

* not including last night's match

Second division
(7) Brentford v Rotherham
(8) Bristol Rovers v Crewe (void)
(9) Burnley v Stockport
(10) Bury v Blackpool
(11) Chesterfield v Bristol City
(12) Gillingham v Bournemouth
(13) Luton v Walsall
(14) Plymouth v Millwall
(15) Preston v Peterborough
(16) Wycombe v Notts County
(17) York v Watford

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	10	7	3	0	21	10	24
* Crewe	10	6	1	3	16	11	19
Watford	10	6	1	3	10	8	19
Chesterfield	10	6	1	3	8	7	19
Bury	10	5	3	2	14	9	18
Millwall	10	5	2	3	20	15	17
Wrexham	9	4	4	1	12	9	16
Shrewsbury	10	4	4	2	11	10	16
* Bristol Rovers	10	4	3	3	10	9	15
Stockport	10	4	2	4	13	12	14
Bristol City	10	4	1	5	19	17	13
Burnley	10	4	1	5	12	13	13
Gillingham	10	4	1	5	11	12	13
Luton	9	4	1	4	8	12	13
Peterborough	9	2	6	1	17	14	12
Plymouth	10	3	3	4	14	17	12
Blackpool	10	3	3	4	9	11	12
Walsall	10	3	2	5	11	14	11
York	10	2	4	4	14	16	10
Preston	10	3	1	6	8	11	10
Bournemouth	10	3	0	7	8	12	9
Notts County	9	2	3	4	6	8	9
Wycombe	10	1	4	5	12	17	7
Rotherham	10	1	2	7	10	19	5

* not including last night's match

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton R v Taunton

Third division
(18) Barnet v Torquay
(19) Cambridge Utd v Hartlepool
(20) Carlisle v Mansfield
(21) Chester v Cardiff P
(22) Darlington v Rochdale
(23) Doncaster v Leyton Orient
(24) Hereford v Scarborough
(25) Hull v Scunthorpe
(26) Lincoln v Exeter
(27) Northampton v Fulham
(28) Wigan v Brighton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	10	7	2	1	15	5	23
Fulham	10	7	0	3	15	9	21
Wigan	10	6	2	2	18	11	20
Cambridge Utd	10	6	2	2	17	12	20
Hull	10	4	6	0	9	5	18
Chester	10	5	2	3	14	11	17
Scarborough	10	4	4	2	17	12	16
Torquay	10	4	3	3	13	10	15
Leyton Orient	10	4	3	3	8	5	15
Hartlepool	10	4	2	4	12	11	14
Lincoln	10	4	2	4	12	12	14
Cardiff	9	4	2	3	8	9	14
Barnet	10	3	4	3	11	8	13
Darlington	10	3	2	5	15	17	11
Mansfield	10	2	5	3	8	11	11
Northampton	10	2	4	4	14	12	10
* Swansea	10	3	1	6	11	16	10
Hereford	10	3	1	6	9	14	10
Scunthorpe	10	3	1	6	9	15	10
Doncaster	10	2	3	5	10	13	9
* Colchester	10	1	6	3	9	14	9
Rochdale	9	2	3	4	6	10	9
Brighton	10	2	2	6	10	20	8
Exeter	10	2	2	6	7	15	8

* not including last night's match

Vauxhall Conference
(—) Bath v Altrincham
(—) Bromsgrove v Gateshead
(—) Halifax v Kidderminster
(—) Hayes v Telford
(29) Hednesford v Farnborough
(30) Northwich v Dover
(31) Rushden and Diamonds v Welling
(32) Slough v Morecambe
(33) Stalybridge v Kettering
(34) Stevenage v Southport
(35) Woking v Macclesfield

Bell's Scottish League
First division
(36) Airdrie v St Mirren P
(37) Dundee v Clydebank
(38) East Fife v Falkirk
(39) Greenock Morton v Partick

Second division
(40) Brechin v Berwick
(41) Dumbarton v Ayr
(42) Livingston v Clyde
(43) Stenhousemuir v Hamilton
(44) Stranraer v Queen of South

Third division
(45) Albion v Montrose
(46) East Stirling v Ross County
(47) Forfar v Cowdenbeath
(48) Caledonian Thistle v Arbroath
(49) Queen's Park v Alloa

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Merthyr; Baldock v Atherstone; Chelmsford v Salisbury; Cheltenham v Crawley; Dorchester v Sudbury T; Gresley v Cambridge C; Halesowen v Newport AFC; King's Lynn v Burton; Nuneaton v Hastings; Sittingbourne v Gloucester; Worcester City v Gravesend and Northfleet. Midland division: Bedworth v Solihull Boro; Evesham v Sutton Coldfield T; Hinckley T v Shepshed D; Ilkeston v Dudley T; Paget R v Grantham; RC Warwick v Tamworth; Rothwell v Redditch; Stafford v Corby; Stourbridge v Raunds T; VS Rugby v Bilston. Southern division: Buckingham Town v Forest Grn; Cinderford v Margate; Cirencester T v Bashley; Clevedon v Newport IoW; Dartford v Weymouth; Fareham v Erith and Belvedere; Fleet T v Fisher London; Havant v Yate; St Leonards v Weston-super-Mare; Trowbridge v Tonbridge Angels; Witney v Waterlooville.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second qualifying round: Darlaston v Brackley; Dunkirk v Rocester; Tividale v Barrow T; Birstall v Bolehall S; Witham v Mirrlees Blackstone; Bourne v Saffron Walden; Gt Wakering v Newmarket; Stamford AFC v St Neots; Haverhill v Fakenham; Felixstowe v Stowmarket; Ipswich v Wroxham; Histon v Norwich U; Whitton v Warboys; Eynesbury v Burnham Rbrs; Sawbridgeworth v Southend Manor; Brightlingsea v Swaffham; Soham v Harwich and Parkeston; Cornard v Braintree; Spalding v Sudbury; Lowestoft v Chatteris; Maldon v Hullbridge Sp; Stanway v Tiptree; Holbeach v Boston; Woodbridge v Ely; Chalfont St Peter v Amersham; Harefield v Leverstock Gn; Stansted v Cheshunt; Letchworth v Edgware; Waltham Abbey v Cockfosters; Brache v Hillingdon Boro; Tring v Viking Sp; Royston v Bowers; Brentwood v Hanwell; Wealdstone v Hoddesdon; Aveley v Harpenden; Barkingside v Ruislip Manor; Feltham v Flackwell Hth; Clapton v Brook Hs; E Thurrock v H Hempstead; Stotfold v Hornchurch; Concord v Welwyn GC; Bedford U v Leighton; Tilbury v Ford; Potters Bar v Ware; Harlow v Bedford T; Langford v London Colney; Potton v Beaconsfield Sycob; Hythe v Windsor and Eton; Bracknell v Camberley; Epsom and Ewell v Eastbourne T; Eastbourne U v Ringmer; Lewes v Chatham; Godalming and Guildford v Deal; Mile Oak v Southwick; Chichester v Selsey; Langney Sp v Egham; Oakwood v Wick; Cray v Merstham; Bedfont v Slade Gn; Chipstead v Redhill; Beckenham v Corinthian; E Preston v Hassocks; Sheppey v Cranleigh; Shoreham v Herne Bay; Arundel v Corinthian-Casuals; Greenwich v Portfield; Worthing v Leatherhead; Littlehampton v Hailsham; Farnham v Horsham; Pagham v Raynes Park Vale; Lancing v Whitstable; Ashford (Middx) v Crockenhill; N Leigh v Bournemouth; Amesbury v Sandhurst; Downton v Bicester; Bemerton Hth v Swindon Supermarine; Totton v Reading; Kintbury v Brockenhurst; Christchurch v Cowes Sp; First Tower v Hungerford; Milton v Wantage; Carterton v Holmer Gn; BAT v Didcot; Gosport v Eastleigh; Calne v Abingdon U; Backwell v Warminster; Crediton v Minehead; Fairford v Porthleven; Old Georgians v Ilfracombe; Cadbury Heath v Frome; Glastonbury v Almondsbury; Chard v Bridport; Chippenham v Bishop Sutton; Endsleigh v Welton; Bridgwater v Liskeard; Bideford v Harrow Hill; Dawlish v Elmore; Shortwood v Wellington; Torrington v DRG; Keynsham v Devizes; Melksham v Saltash; Odd Down v Newquay; Nelson v Easington Col; Washington v Shotton Com; Blackpool (Wren) v Ryhope CA; Tadcaster v Brandon; Bedlington Ten v Stockton; Seaton Delaval v Thackley; Alnwick v Willington; Annfield Pl v Pickering; Whickham v Marske; Norton and Stockton v Ferryhill; Armthorpe Welf v Ossett A; Esh Winning v Ponteland; Crook v Jarrow Roofing Boldon; Holker OB v Yorkshire Am; Penrith v S Shields; Harrogate Rwy v Morpeth; Selby v Denaby; Eccleshill v Bootle; Merseyside Police v Newcastle T; Garforth v Hucknall; Ashfield v Sandiacre; Maltby Main v Arnold; Bacup v Vauxhall GM; Worsbro Br v Radford; Parkgate v Hall Rd; Borrowash v Blidworth MW; Glapwell v Maghull; Shirebrook v Rossington Main; Douglas HSOB v Nantwich; Formby v Shirebrook; Burscough v Glossop NE; Haslingden v Daisy Hill; Chadderton v Poulton; Kidsgrove v Grove; Hallam v Nettleham; Maine Rd v Tetley Walker; Harworth CI v Ossett T; Nuthall v Skelmersdale; Oldham v Kimberley; Louth v Wythenshawe Am; Blakenhall v Boldmere SM; Stourport S v Wednesfield; Brierley Hill v S and L Corby; W Mids Police v Sandwell; Knowle v Shifnal T; Gedling v Westfields; Pershore T v Highgate; Malvern T v St Andrews; Banbury v Cogenhoe; Knypersley v Desborough; Walsall Wood v Chasetown; Rushall O v Stratford T; Friar Lane OB v Mew KA; Gornal A v Bloxwich T; Stapenhill v Pegasus Juniors; King's Heath v Cradley.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Islington St Marys v Croydon; St Margaretsbury v Tottenham Omada; Woodford v Haringey.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cobham v Hartley Wintney; Netherne v Westfield; Walton Casuals v Ash.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Staines; Bishop's Stortford v Heybridge; Bromley v Carshalton; Chertsey v Hendon; Dagenham and Redbridge v Kingstonian; Dulwich v Boreham Wood; Grays v Hitchin; Sutton U v Purfleet; Yeading v Enfield; Yeovil v Harrow. First division: Barton Rovers v Abingdon T; Billericay v Leyton Pennant; Chesham v Uxbridge; Hampton v Wokingham; Maidenhead United v Croydon; Marlow v Berkhamsted; Molesey v Tooting and Mitcham; Thame v Canvey Island; Walton and Hersham v Aldershot T; Whyteleafe v Bognor Regis; Worthing v Basingstoke. Second division: Barking v Banstead; Dorking v Wembley; Wivenhoe v Metropolitan Police.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Hyde; Bamber Bridge v Boston; Barrow v Bishop Auckland; Blyth Spartans v Chorley; Buxton v Frickley; Emley v Lancaster; Guiseley v Colwyn Bay; Marine v Leek; Runcorn v Gainsborough; Spennymoor v Knowsley; Winsford v Alfreton. First division: Ashton U v Farsley Clc; Droylsden v Bradford PA; Eastwood T v Gt Harwood; Flixton v Workington; Gretna v Congleton; Harrogate T v Curzon Ashton; Netherfield v Warrington; Radcliffe v Lincoln U; Stocksbridge PS v Atherton LR; Whitley Bay v Matlock Town; Worksop v Leigh.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Manor v Ilford; Basildon U v East Ham.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Clacton; March v Halstead; Sudbury Res v Wisbech; Watton v Bury Town.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Horsham YMCA v Saltdean; Whitehawk v Three Bridges.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover v Petersfield; Thatcham v Wimborne; Whitchurch v Lymington.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Folkestone Invicta v Canterbury; Lordswood v Tunbridge Wells; Ramsgate v Furness; Woolwich v Thamesmead.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnham v Highworth.

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Kempston v Northampton Sp; Wellingborough v Ford Sports; Wootton v Newport Pagnell.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell v Oldbury U; Hinckley Athletic v Pelsall V; Willenhall v Bridgnorth.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehall? Community College v Southam; Coleshill v Coventry Sphinx; David Lloyd v Studley BKL; Massey Ferguson v Shirley; Richmond Swifts v Handrahan Timbers; West Midland Fire Service v Wellesbourne. Challenge Cup: First round: Cheslyn Hay v Alvechurch.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cradley Town v Lye T; Hill Top R v Ettingshall H; Ludlow T v Wolverhampton U.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper T v Brigg T; North Ferriby v Hatfield Main; Pontefract Cols v Liversedge.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood H v Atherton Collieries; Mossley v Darwen; Rossendale v Trafford; St Helens v Prescot; Salford v Clitheroe.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Whitby; Durham v Billingham; Murton v West Auckland; RTM Newcastle v Shildon; Seaham Red Star v Dunston Federation; Tow Law v Chester-le-Street.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackburn v Everton (2.0), Liverpool v Manchester United.

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Derry v Sligo (7.30); Home Farm v Bohemians (7.30).

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Clachnacuddin v Keith; Deveronvale v Brora; Huntly v Fort William; Nairn County v Elgin; Peterhead v Lossiemouth; Rothes v Forres Mechanics; Wick Academy v Buckie Thistle.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Millwall; Charlton Ath v Tottenham Hotspur; Gillingham v Fulham; Leyton Orient v Queens Park Rangers; Norwich v Cambridge United; Southend v Portsmouth; Watford v Ipswich; West Ham v Chelsea. Second division: Brentford v Brighton and Hove; Bristol City v Bournemouth; Bristol Rovers v Barnet; Colchester v Wimbledon; Luton v Oxford United; Reading v Wycombe; Southampton v Swindon; Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Etonians v Lancing; Foresters v Wiltelians?: Reptonians v Chigwellians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn OS v O Kingsburians; O Meadonians v Latymer OB; O Tenisonians v O Hamptonians.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: O Esthameians v East Barnet OG; O Parmiterians v O Actonians; Polytechnic v West Wickham.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: Nottsborough v Hale End; Parkfield v Old Finchleians.

SCHOOLS MATCHES (kick-off 10.30 unless stated) English Schools Fujifilm Trophy: E Berks v Andover; Grimsby v SE Lindsey; Manchester v Stockport; Newcastle v E Northumberland; N Kent v Croydon; Ouse V v Maidstone (10.0); S London v N Herts (11.0); Sutton v Bromley; Wigan v W Lancs.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

International match
Italy v Wales
(In Rome, 2.15)

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bristol v Saracens
Harlequins v Orrell (2.15)
London Irish v Bath
Northampton v Sale
West Hartlepool v Leicester

Second division
Bedford v Wakefield
Coventry v Nottingham
London Scottish v Blackheath
Moseley v Richmond
Newcastle v Rugby
Rotherham v Waterloo

Third division
Exeter v London Welsh
Harrogate v Leeds
Havant v Walsall
Liverpool St Helens v Fylde
Otley v Clifton
Reading v Morley
Rosslyn Park v Redruth
Wharfedale v Lydney

Fourth division north
Birmingham/Solihull v Worcester
Hereford v Aspatria
Kendal v Stourbridge
Lichfield v Manchester
Preston Grasshoppers v Stoke-on-Trent
Sandal v Nuneaton
Winnington Park v Sheffield

Fourth division south
Barking v High Wycombe
Berry Hill v Charlton Park
Cheltenham v Camberley
Henley v Plymouth
Metropolitan Police v Newbury
North Walsham v Tabard
Weston-super-Mare v Askeans

SOUTH WEST: First division: Brixham v Maidenhead; Gloucester Old Boys v Barnstaple; Launceston v Camborne; Matson v Bridgwater; Salisbury v Stroud; Torquay v St Ives.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke v Guildford and Godalming; Harlow v Esher; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Old Colfeians; Staines v Norwich; Sudbury v Thurrock; Sutton and Epsom v Southend; Wimbledon v Ruislip.

MIDLANDS: First division: Burton v Belgrave; Camp Hill v Barkers Butts; Derby v Wolverhampton; Hinckley v Whitchurch; Leamington v Westleigh; Leighton Buzzard v Syston; Mansfield v Stockwood Park; Scunthorpe v Stafford.

NORTH, First division: Bradford and Bingley v Macclesfield; Hull Ionians v Wigton; Sedgley Park v Stockton; Tynedale v Broughton Park; Widnes v Bridlington; West Park Bramhope v New Brighton.

Welsh League
Second division
Aberavon v Ystradgynlais (2.30)
Abertillery v Bonymaen (2.30)
Cross Keys v Cardiff Institute (2.30)
Maesteg v Blackwood (2.30)
Pontypool v Llandovery (2.30)
South Wales Police v Abercynon P

THIRD DIVISION: Llanharan v Narberth; Merthyr v Tondu; Mountain Ash v Tredegar; Pyle v Penarth; Rumney v Builth Wells; Tenby United v Kenfig Hill.

Tennents Premiership
First division
Boroughmuir v Jed-Forest
Hawick v Currie
Heriot's FP v Melrose
Stirling County v Watsonians

Second division
Edinburgh Acads v Dundee HSFP
Glasgow HK v Glasgow Acads
Gala v Biggar
Kelso v West of Scotland

Third division
Kilmarnock v Selkirk
Musselburgh v Preston Lodge
Peebles v Glasgow Southern
Stewart's Mel FP v Kirkcaldy

Fourth division
Glenrothes v Gordonians
Haddington v Corstorphine
Hillhead/Jordanhill v Grangemouth
Langholm v Ayr

Irish inter-provincial championship
Connacht v Leinster
(at Galway, 2.30)
Munster v Ulster
(at Thomond Park, Limerick, 2.30)

HOCKEY

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchorians v Ashford; Fareham v Hampstead/Westminster; Gore Court v Winchester; Maidenhead v Chichester; Old Kingstonians v Bournemouth; Old Whitgiftians v Ramgarhia; Richmond v Beckenham; Spencer v Tunbridge Wells; Woking v High Wycombe; Wokingham v Wimbledon. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes v Walton and Weybridge; Camberley v Crusoil; Portsmouth v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Oxted v Petersfield; Old Cranleighans v London University; Goan v Blandford; Dulwich v Andover; Cheam v Basingstoke; Old Walcountians v Southampton; Epsom v Purley. Kent/Sussex: Ashford v Old Holcombeians; Belvedere v Old Bordenians; Bexleyheath v Eastbourne; Bexley Invicta v Old Williamsonians; Blackheath v Mid Sussex; Bognor v Lloyds Bank; Brighton v Sevenoaks; Herne Bay v Horsham; Middleton v Marden Russets; Worthing v Tulse Hill. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Gerrards Cross v Bracknell; Harrow v City of Oxford; Hayes v Amersham; Lions v Sunbury; Marlow v Eastcote; Mill Hill v Staines; Milton Keynes v Newbury; OMT v Farnham Common; PHC Chiswick v Richings Park; West Hampstead v Headington.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Harrogate v Springfields; Norton v Chester; Ramgarhia v Formby; Southport v Sheffield Bankers; Swalwell v Ben Rhydding; Timperley v Neston.

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishop's Stortford v Chelmsford; Cambridge City v Dereham; Cambridge Univ v Sudbury; Ipswich v Colchester; Peterborough Town v Redbridge and Ilford. Premier division B: Bedford Town v Old Southendian; Bury St Edmunds v Ipswich and E Suffolk; Clacton v Luton Town; Norwich City v Westcliff; Romford v Huntingdon.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester v Hightown; Clifton v Ipswich; Doncaster v Slough; Sutton Canada Life v Trojans. First division: Bradford Swithenbank v Bluoharts; Clifton v Bracknell; Sunderland Bedans v Chelmsford Broadoak; Wimbledon v Canterbury. Second division: Loughborough Students v St Albans; Old Loughtonians v Ealing; West Witney v Exmouth; Woking v Sherwood.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge v North Staffs; Bedford v Crimson R; Hampton v Pickwick; West Bromwich v Kettering.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blackburn v Liverpool; Poynton v York; Sheffield v Chester; Welton v Carlisle.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth v Worthing; Hampstead v Dulwich; Horsham v Wynchmore Hill; Reading v Southampton; Tulse Hill v Winchester.

WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth v St Austell; Cheltenham v Leominster; Exeter v Redland; Wimborne v Colwall.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

European under-21 championship
Qualifying group four
Latvia v Scotland
(at Daugava Stadium, Riga, 1.0)

Nationwide League
First division
Crystal Palace v Sheffield Utd P

LEAGUE OF WALES: Rhyl v Barry

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bray v UCD (3.15). Shield competition: Semi-finals: Galway v Athlone (3.15); Limerick v Drogheda (2.0).

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Everton v Doncaster (12.30); Ilkeston Tn v Croydon (2.0); Liverpool v Millwall (12.0); Tranmere Rovers v Southampton (2.0); Wembley v Arsenal (2.0). Northern division: Aston Villa v Bradford; Bronte v Notts County; Huddersfield v Sheffield Wednesday; Stourport v Garswood St Helens; Wolverhampton v Blyth Spartans. Southern division: Brighton and Hove v Whitehawk; Ipswich v Langford; Leyton Orient v Berkhamstead; Three Bridges v Wimbledon; Town and County v Oxford United.

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Louth v Port Vale

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barford Tigers v Teddington (Holyhead Leisure Centre, 1.0); Canterbury v Old Loughtonians (Polo Farm, 1.0); East Grinstead v Surbiton (Saint Hill, 2.0); Havant v Reading (Havant College, 2.15); Hounslow v Guildford (Dukes Meadow, Chiswick, 2.0); Southgate v Cannock (Broomfield School, 3.0). First division: Beeston v Isca (Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0); Bluoharts v Lewes (Hitchin Boys School, 2.30); Bournville v Oxford Hawks (King Edward's Girls School, Birmingham, 2.30); Bromley v Oxford University (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 1.0); Brooklands v Sheffield (Georges Road, Sale, 2.0); Crostyx v St Albans (Chigwell, 1.0); Doncaster v Stourport (Bennetthorpe, 2.0); Edgbaston v Trojans (Birmingham University, Edgbaston, 2.30); Firebrands v Warrington (Longwood, Bristol, 1.0); Gloucester City v Harleston Magpies (Plock Court, 2.0); Hull v Indian Gymkhana (Hull University Sports Centre, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Gloucester v Wasps (3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tour match
Yorkshire v Australian Aboriginals
(at Batley, 2.30)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Bupa Great South Run (at Portsmouth)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Newcastle (6.0); Leopards v Thames Valley (7.0). National League: Men: First division: Plymouth v Cardiff (4.0); Stockton v Brixton (4.0); Ware v Guildford (8.0).

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (at Wembley)

GOLF: Motor City Seniors' Classic (at The Warwickshire, Leek Wootton)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals, second leg: Ayr (4) v Manchester (2) (5.0); Newcastle (3) v Sheffield (6) (6.30); Bracknell (3) v Basingstoke (5) (6.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Eastbourne v Bradford (3.30); Scottish Monarchs v Oxford (6.30). Conference League: Buxton v Sheffield (3.0); Linlithgow v Sittingbourne (2.30). Speedway Star Knockout Cup: Final, first leg: Linlithgow v Mildenhall (1.0).

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Nottingham)

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match
Fiji v Great Britain
(at Nadi, 4.30am)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Newcastle v Crystal Palace (7.30); Birmingham v London (7.30); Hemel and Watford v Leicester (7.30); Thames Valley v Derby (8.0); Worthing v Manchester (8.0). National League: Men: First division: Bury and Bolton v Coventry (7.30); Nottingham v Mid Sussex (8.0); Oxford v Liverpool (8.0); Westminster v Ware (8.0). Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham v Crystal Palace (8.0); Ipswich v Harlesdon (7.30); London v Birmingham (6.0); Nottingham v Sheffield (6.0); Rhondda v Thames Valley (5.30); Spelthorne v Northampton (6.0).

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LACROSSE: Shepherds Friendly Society League: Premier division: Boardman and Eccles v Cheadle Hulme; Heaton Mersey v Moorthorpe; Poynton v Cheadle; Stockport v Mellor; Timperley v Hulmeians.

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Eastbourne (7.30). Challenge: Swindon v Coventry (7.30). Conference League: Berwick v Sittingbourne (7.0); Linlithgow v Sittingbourne (2.30).

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Nottingham)

VOLLEYBALL: Men: First division: Reebok Liverpool City v Malory Lewisham; KLEA Leeds v Polonia Ealing; Crofton Sportswearhouse v Whitefield; Wessex v Tooting Aquila.

GOLF: WOOSNAM MISSES CUT AT GERMAN OPEN TO LEAVE SCOT ON VERGE OF TAKING ORDER OF MERIT

Montgomerie closes in on No 1 status

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN BERLIN

BARRING injury or multiple aberrations today or tomorrow, Colin Montgomerie is assured of becoming European No 1 for a fourth consecutive year. *His expected* achievement was confirmed with a five-under par second round of 67 in the German Masters at Motzener See Golf and Country Club, where Ian Woosnam, his only rival, missed the cut.

Montgomerie had an eagle three at the 525-yard par-five 2nd and six birdies to counteract another double bogey here: yesterday it was a seven at the long 5th, where he was in rough off the tee, pulled his recovery into a bunker left of the green, overhit his sand wedge and then muffed his first attempted chip back onto the green.

Now standing on 137, equal fifteenth at seven-under, he must finish in the top 40 to secure the prize-money of £4,313 that will place him beyond Woosnam's reach in the Volvo Masters in Spain.

Partnering Ernie Els, the South African who added a 67 to his first-round 68 to be equal fourth on nine-under, seems to agree with Montgomerie. "I enjoy playing with Ernie, he brings out the best in me," the Scot said: "Unfortunately, it seems to do the same for him! It's annoying to have another double bogey, and but for that pair I'd be sharing the lead [with Paul McGinley, of Ireland] on 133."

Montgomerie, making no mention of the European title while Woosnam was still on the course, was nonetheless glad to be in contention with the leaders. "Remember, I won the Irish Open this year after double bogeys and a triple bogey," he said. "I can't explain the mistakes, maybe it's a bit of pressure, the tension [of the European title], maybe lack of concentration. You think you've got it right, then the game comes back and bites you. But if 67 is the worst I do, I'm not worried."

His domination in Europe is a tribute to the steadiness of his driving and long irons, and control of his once-fallible temperament. The ultimate reward, success in one of the four majors, must surely come for someone so consistent.

Woosnam, who has hinted that his back injury may require surgery at the end of the season, ended his hopes of making the cut when bunkered at the 16th. "I putted shocking," he said, before hurrying off to the airport. "My back's not too bad. That's it. It's all over. I can go home."

The other story of the day concerned the Ireland team for the Dunhill Cup next week, McGinley, Darren Clarke, on 134 and Padraig Harrington, on 135, being among the eight leaders divided by two strokes. Are they a week too early?

Clarke, who shared the best score of the day, 64, with Paul Broadhurst, hit 16 greens in regulation and had only 27 putts. Like Montgomerie, he eagled the second, a drive and seven-iron leaving a 25ft putt that he holed. Yet length was as much a key to his round as the greens. "With most of the bunkers here, I can fly the ball over them," Clarke said. "I've been playing really well for three or four weeks, but the good putts weren't going down. Now they came all in a day."

Harrington hit the flag stick at the 17th, the ball bouncing back eight feet, a misfortune that cost him a possible hole-in-one and a £60,000 Audi. The ball was probably travelling too fast. Other things worried him more. "There are five things I need to work on, which is four too many," he said. "I hit a lot of bad shots." And, presumably, many good ones.

McGinley has previously won a tournament, though not of significance. "It would be nice to win with such a strong field," he said, after an outward half of four birdies for a 33.

Paul Eales, 33, from Royal Lytham and sharing second place with Clarke on 134, is hoping to make this his second tour victory — a big boost for a steady, middle-order player who was 44th in the order of merit last year.

ANDREW REDINGTON/ALLSPORT

Montgomerie plays a short iron to the green at the par-three 3rd on his way to a five-under-par second round at Motzener See

DETAILS

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 133: P McGinley 66, 67 134: D Clarke 70, 64; P Eales 67, 67. 135: M Mouland 66, 69; E Els (SA) 68, 67; M Campbell (NZ) 67, 68; P Harrington 68, 67; P Broadhurst 71, 64. 136: P Baker 66, 70; G Turner (NZ) 68, 68. M Davis 69, 67; M Farry (Fr) 66, 70; M Gates 69, 67; N Fasth (Swe) 69, 67 137: J Coceres (Arg) 66, 71; C Montgomerie 70, 67; D Carter 69, 68; J Lomas 69, 68; T Bjorn (Den) 71, 66; S Tinning (Den) 69, 68. 138: P Mitchell 71, 67, M A Jiménez (Sp) 68, 70; G Brand Jr 69, 69; J van de Velde (Fr) 71, 67; J Townsend (US) 68, 70. 139: A Coltart 68, 71; A Johnstone (Zim) 70, 69; M James 69, 70; J Haeggman (Swe) 69, 70; D A Russell 67, 72. 140: M Jonzon (Swe) 68, 72; S Luña (Sp) 72, 68; P Price 70, 70; B Langer (Ger) 71, 69; P O'Malley (Aus) 68, 72; C Cevaer (Fr) 69, 71.

Ballesteros troubled by captain's lot

David Miller hears Europe's leading man lament his restricted Ryder Cup choice

Severiano Ballesteros, who succeeded Bernard Gallacher as the Europe Ryder Cup captain, considers it likely that only defeat, through being prevented from exploiting the most suitable players, would alter the present selection system.

Bothered by his habitual back problems, Ballesteros yesterday struggled to make the cut in the German Masters. He feels equally frustrated over his position as captain of the team that, next year at Valderrama, will defend the trophy regained so memorably at Oak Hill, Rochester, last September.

"When a road has a dangerous curve, people try to get it altered," Ballesteros said yesterday, "but often there is no action until there has been a serious accident. Then people take notice. I made my request to the Ryder Cup committee not long after I was appointed, that the captain should have more than two optional places at his disposal, but this was turned down. Yes, maybe we must lose before it is realised that this can be an important factor. For the moment, the system is the system, and we take our luck. Some days it rains, some days it shines."

> 'For the *moment*, we must take our luck'

Several senior players, including Colin Montgomerie, believe that the whole team should be at the captain's discretion, rather than the top ten from the European order of merit being automatic choices, leaving two places vacant. The United States team operates a similar system, but the Americans are not at the disadvantage of having leading players performing outside their own tour.

Next year, Ballesteros's two optional selections seem likely to be Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik, of Sweden, both playing on the American tour. This would leave no room for including an established Ryder Cup player, with experience of the unique tensions of the competition, who happened to be outside the European top ten. With a competition that, in recent years, has regularly come down to the last two or three singles on the final day, when a half can determine the outcome, maximising selection possibilities is critical.

Ballesteros fondly recalls that first victory on United Statessoil, at Muirfield Village in 1987, and the importance of the team's collective morale. "It would be wonderful to recreate the mood we had then," he said.

One of those who nearly missed selection last year was Ian Woosnam, out of the top ten and only included when José María Olazábal became injured. The Ryder Cup table is determined over a year's tournaments, beginning with the British Masters on August 28 this year and ending on August 31 next year. The argument for the top-ten system is that you get the players most in form. Yet this takes no account of temperament for team matchplay, as opposed to individual strokeplay. The difference is immeasurable.

The Amercian system is based over a longer period than Europe's, starting at the beginning of 1996 and lasting until the US PGA tournament next year. More important, it also gives added weight to performances in the three majors in the United States.

The problem with the European system is that it is determined, in part, by those with no real experience of play at the sharp end. The Ryder Cup committee of six is divided equally between representatives of the PGA and the PGA European Tour, with the chairman having a casting vote. But the PGA representatives come from run-of-the-mill professionals.

Davies moves into the lead with hole in one

A HOLE IN ONE helped Laura Davies, of Great Britain, take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the Takara Invitational in Yokoshiba yesterday.

Davies, seeking her second victory of the year in Japan and her sixth overall, scored the hole in one with a nine-iron on the 154-yard 3rd hole. Davies's round of one eagle, four birdies and four bogeys over the 6,204-yard, par-72 Caledonian club course left her with a four-under-par total of 140, two shots ahead of Ayako Okamoto, Ikuyo Shiotani and Takasu Aiko.

"It was my fourth career ace and the second one in Japan," Davies, the winner of four tournaments in the United States, two European events and one Japanese title so far this year, said. Takasu had a 69 while Okamoto and Shiotani each shot a 71.

Caroline Pierce led the British offensive in the JAL Big Apple Classic in New York state, scoring a first-round 72 to finish one shot behind Dottie Pepper and Vicki Goetze, the leaders, who were the only golfers to make par.

Pierce's compatriot, Trish Johnson, managed a 76, while Pamela Wright and Stephanie Maynor fared a little better, returning solid 74s on the par 71 course.

Canadian leader defies the aches and pains

BY MEL WEBB

KEN FULTON did not expect much from himself in the first round of the Motor City Seniors Classic yesterday. The Canadian was in agony with a back injury, the weather was cold and inhospitable with a near-gale ripping into his aching muscles. Imagine his surprise when he finished the day with a one-stroke lead.

Fulton, 52, had a 69, three under par, that put him one ahead of José Cabo, of Spain, with Bill Hardwick, another Canadian, a further stroke back. The three leading Britons were John Morgan, David Creamer and Malcolm Gregson on level par. Tommy Horton, the warmest of pre-tournament favourites, could manage only a 74 and Peter Townsend, making his first senior appearance, a 78.

Fulton, the Canadian PGA Seniors champion, owes his presence at The Warwickshire to a holiday he was taking with one of his five daughters in Scotland last month. The Scottish Seniors Championship happened to be on, he happened to have his clubs with him and, having made the cut there, decided to sample another course on the European seniors menu.

He was not at all sure he would make it all the way round. The torn muscle in his back, an injury picked up in Scotland, was giving him shooting pains. "At least there were no spasms, so I thought I might as well give it a go," he said. They clearly breed them tough in Bolton, Ontario, where Fulton is a partner in a golf course company. Having reached the turn in level par, he had five birdies on the inward nine, which is the longer and more severe stretch of the course.

Also among the walking wounded was Creamer, who was to be seen in the club lounge after his 72 applying ice to a strained left-ankle tendon. Creamer's ankle let him down on the fairway on the 16th, his 7th, but, brave soldier that he is, he plugged away manfully. It was no big deal, he suggested. He had had the injury before. Veterans these chaps may be, but they are a hardy bunch.

IN BRIEF

Holders taken to the 19th

REPTON, the holders, went uncomfortably through to the third round of the 34th Grafton Morrish Tournament, played at the Brancaster and Hunstanton golf courses yesterday. Given a bye to the second round, Repton eventually saw off the challenge of Uppingham, Richard Hodgkinson and Keith Andrews winning the vital match at the 19th.

Last year's runners-up, KCS Wimbledon, starting in the first round, also overcame their first hurdle, defeating Bancroft's, to set up a second-round tie against Dulwich, who beat Bolton.

Millar out

Cycling: David Millar, 19, Britain's most successful amateur rider in Europe this year, has withdrawn from the time-trial at the world championships that begin in Lugano, Switzerland, next week. He is recovering from bronchitis.

Humby retires

Badminton: Alison Humby, the Great Britain No 3, yesterday announced her retirement. Humby, 23, who represented Britain at the Olympic Games and had a world ranking of No 42, is ending a 13-year career.

Tyrrell switch

Motor racing: Tyrrell, the Formula One team, yesterday announced a deal with Ford for next season, bringing their four-year association with Yamaha to an end.

SAILING

Favourable conditions leave leading crews in good spirits

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE GOLDING has picked the wind shifts better than anyone else in the past few days and kept his yacht, *Group 4*, sailing at faster angles than most of the others in the BT Global Challenge fleet. He is still leading as the yachts head southwest towards Madeira. "A very happy crew, as we cruise along at the front of the fleet," he reported yesterday. "Surfing along under spinnaker in the sun."

The fleet is continuing to spread out, with Golding now about 170 miles ahead of the backmarker, *Time & Tide*, which was becalmed just north of the Berlenga Island waypoint, off the Portuguese coast. James Hatfield, the *Time & Tide* skipper, reported good-humouredly: "Our wind machine is broken. Spoke to God, he said he would ask Chay [Blyth, the race director]."

Golding, who was first to pass Berlenga on Thursday night, is around 25 miles ahead of Simon Walker, on *Toshiba Wave Warrior*, with Chris Tibbs, on *Concert*, close behind him, but on a slightly more southerly course.

Behind them, Mark Lodge, on *Motorola*, is holding on to fourth place, but has Richard Merriweather, on *Commercial Union*, close on his heels. In the pack there are good scraps between *Nuclear Electric* and *Ocean Rover* — who are sailing about 70 miles behind Golding to the west of the fleet — and *3Com* and *Heath Insured* on the slower eastern edge.

Humphrey Walters, a crew member on *Ocean Rover*, reported: "We have had a wonderful day hassling *Nuclear Electric* and are 100 yards behind them. We have tracked them for over 48 hours. We are getting stick from our supporters in the UK, so we have tried to pull up our socks. The boat is performing beautifully.

"Life on board has become very civilised. We are now in the full nine-day menu cycle. Breakfast of egg and potato pancakes with feta cheese and fresh baked bread rolls — terrific, and nothing left over. Supper will be sardines with mashed potato and basil oil, followed by blackcurrant cheesecake, cooked by Paul Stephens and Lyn Guy."

On board *Commercial Union*, there was a similarly upbeat mood. "Life on board is pretty good, and spirits continuing high," the crew reported yesterday. "Hallucinations about spirits of a different kind — and glasses of sangria and cold lager — are prevalent amongst the crew as we pass the holiday destinations of Portugal and Spain."

No doubt in the weeks and months to come, when the crews are tested to the limit, they will look back on these early days as some of the most enjoyable of the race. Yesterday they were roaring along on runs and reaches with up to 20 knots of breeze to power them, and with most of the boats averaging more than ten knots. As one of the senior race officials said: "They've got 20 knots up their chuff and are going like hell, with dolphins all over the place."

The forecast looks good over the weekend, with 15 to 20 knots of north and then north-northeasterlies propelling them towards the Equator, which is about another 1,200 miles away.

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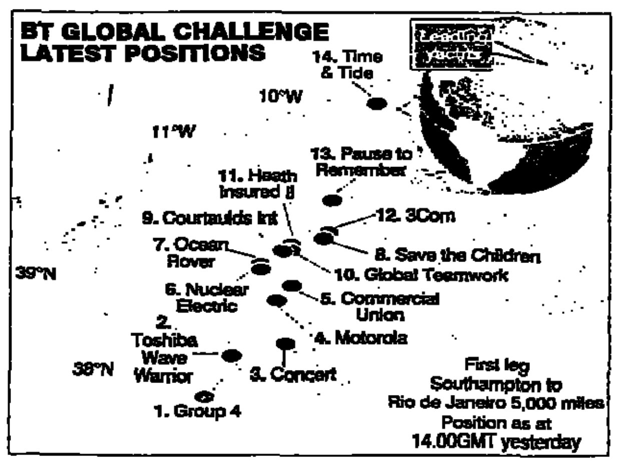


First leg Southampton to Rio de Janeiro 5,000 miles
Position as at 14.00GMT yesterday

HOCKEY

Crutchley quickly off the mark

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

SOUTHGATE and Cannock are prepared for a tight premier division match in the National League tomorrow, each club having opened its campaign with a victory last week. Southgate's attack is unchanged, with Gibbins, Simons and Freeman forming the front-runners and Shaw and Attala in support as inside forwards. Injury will again prevent Soma Singh playing.

Cannock have such depth in talent that they do not seem to miss the four Welsh players still involved in the World Cup qualifying tournament in Italy. Parnham, recently acquired from Stourport, has fitted in well at the back and Crutchley has recovered his scoring touch.

There are no surprises in the Surbiton team travelling to East Grinstead, who were pipped at the post last Sunday by Southgate. Surbiton had Notton, D'Cruz and Cook in attack at various times while achieving a 4-3 win over Teddington.

East Grinstead continue their dependence on Gibson to get the goals, with Bhatti in his usual role as playmaker.

Luke Hodges, from the England Under-21 squad, has left Bournville for Teddington, who will have Colclough back to lead the side against Barford Tigers. Laslett is not available for Teddington but it is hoped Hauck will be fit to play. The high-scoring potential of Barford, however, could put Teddington under pressure.

Basketball: a sport to get your teeth into

SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

Sensitive readers are advised to close their mouths tightly before reading this story. For it has been revealed that children in the United States are repeatedly leaping to the skies and getting their teeth tangled in basketball nets, with the inevitable result that the teeth get yanked out on the way down.

The problem arises when they try to mimic the slam-dunking technique of the superstars of the game.

The facts come from David Kumamoto, clinical associate professor of restorative dentistry at the University of Illinois, who presented them to the World Dental Congress in Orlando, Florida. He reported 33 cases in which people aged from eight to 27 used a springboard, trampoline or raised platform to aid their leaps towards the net.

Kumamoto explained that children launch themselves, mouths open in a yell of triumph, and meet the net face-first. The average height of the tooth-losers was 5ft 3in. These figures represented, he said, the tip of the iceberg; he estimated that as many as 50,000 such injuries occur every year.

Hard to swallow

Sport is, indeed, full of hidden dangers. In Italy last week, a referee was seconds away from choking to death on his chewing gum. Luigi Fedele, 22, was refereeing a game between Colico and Novate. After 35 minutes, he choked on his gum, grabbed a player and fell to the ground. A group of four, including players and club directors, at once surrounded him and opened his mouth — using the linesman's flag. A first-aider joined them and freed the poor referee's respiratory tract. "I had a cold and my nose was blocked," Fedele explained. "I was chewing gum because I needed the sugar. It was a terrible experience. I thank everybody. I wanted to carry on, but I was advised against it, and so I abandoned the match."

The big match

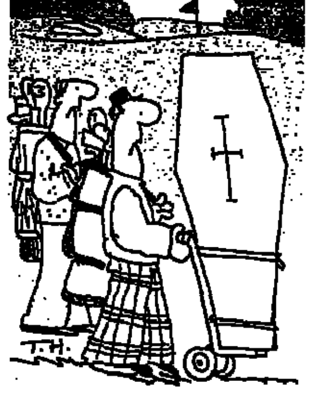
However, not all sporting injuries are dreadful. Demetrio Albertini, the AC Milan footballer, is suffering from a leg injury that has ruled him out of the Italy squad for the World Cup qualifier against mighty Moldova today. As a small compensation, he is thereby able to go on his honeymoon. On Monday, he married Oriana Capona, a 22-year-old student.

Put on ice

Faithful readers will recall the fun that ice hockey fans in the United States had throwing dead octopuses onto the ice as a mark of esteem for the *Detroit Red Wings*. Now, the National Hockey League has banned the the throwing of all animals, living or dead, onto the ice. A sad day for Detroit: sad, too, for Florda Panthers, whose fans like to throw dead rats. However, when a player scores a hat-trick, they may, if they wish, throw their hats.

Dead on line

There are plenty of golfing stories about players who drop dead on the course only for their companions to continue the game around the corpse. This certainly did not happen in Fife, when Jimmy Hogg, 77, collapsed and died of a heart attack after playing his opening drive. The other golfers in his four, all long-time playing partners, waited until the body was carried away. *And then* they carried on with the game. "I'm sure Jimmy would have wanted us to," one of them said. "He'd have done the same."



Stark threat

Militant action by football fans has been in the news of late, but the protestations of Brighton supporters seem rather tame when compared with the followers of Atletic Bucharest. On Sunday, the boys were trailing by the little matter of 16-0 and, with two minutes to go, their chances of pulling the game back were looking a little slim. At this, some of the supporters — the newspaper *Evenimentul Zilei* suggested that they were gypsies — announced that, if the Atletic players conceded two more goals, they would leave the stadium naked. The team took this threat with some seriousness: so much so that they fled the ground with those two minutes still left to play. For this, the club was fined 50 million lei, or getting on for £10,000, by the Romanian FA.

Second helping

A number of people responded to my pondering last week on whether any modern elite athlete had succeeded in a second sporting career. Ian Henderson suggests John Surtees, who was world champion on motorbikes and then in Formula One. Mike Finlay suggests himself: "I played football for Old Minchendenians fifth XI, and have just had my golf handicap reduced from 28 to 26." Hauno Viinkka writes more in praise of the multisport athlete: "I knew such a man. He won the javelin gold medal in the 1948 Olympic Games. As he was already 33, he switched to archery. In the 1950 world championships he shared the team gold. Apart from that, he earned a good living as a singer and a film star. His name was Kai Rautavaara."

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FOOTBALL

Hoddle's pair of aces can unite to trump Poland

ROB HUGHES

Weekend View

IF YOU are blessed with a healthy pair of lungs, why attempt to run on only one? If you have two centre forwards scoring goals together as naturally as they breathe, why not put them in England's attack to knock over Poland at Wembley next Wednesday?

I refer, of course, to Les Ferdinand and Alan Shearer. Terry Venables was convinced that two such players were not the full answer to the modern tactical game. He chose Shearer, sometimes isolating him but more often than not giving him an intelligent, but not forceful, partner in the Teddy Sheringham mould.

Yet the raw power, allied to mobility, of Shearer and Ferdinand has set Newcastle United alight since Kevin Keegan, in monied defiance, spent £21 million on them. Result: Ferdinand is on a spree of eight goals in nine games, Shearer of five in ten, two of them penalties. It is a double hammer that Gareth Southgate, the England defender in the Aston Villa back line last Monday, found irresistible.

"I know all about Shearer and Ferdinand from training with them at Bisham Abbey," Southgate said, "but knowing about them and trying to stop them are completely different things. They are the best I have faced at any time as a defender. They are power, and if it's not Ferdinand coming at you, it's Shearer."

Ferdinand, glowing in the tribute from Shearer on Monday that "Les is really on fire," was succinct in his summary: "It's a partnership people said couldn't happen, but we are working at it, we both want it to succeed, and we are getting a few goals."

Goal-hunting in pairs is not new, and certainly not exclusive to England. Juventus won the European Cup last season with Vialli and Ravanelli: Milan are outscoring the rest in Serie A with Simone and Weah: Germany won the European championship by finding, in Oliver Bierhoff, the scoring partner that Klinsmann craved.

When Glenn Hoddle took over from Venables as the England coach, he used Nick Barmby in the Sheringham role. Fine, it worked excellently against Moldova. But look at Barmby, a bantamweight. Look at the colossal strength of Ferdinand, the prodigious leaping power — it is a pint compared with a quart.

Since, with Newcastle, Ferdinand and Shearer have proved that they do not necessarily take one another's ground, now is surely the time to impose this marriage of force, of will, upon Poland.

I would suggest that, in the following England side, they would be admirably served: Seaman — Southgate, Pallister, Pearce — G Neville, Beckham, Ince, Gascoigne, Hinchcliffe — Shearer, Ferdinand.

With Neville and Hinchcliffe, the latter chosen simply because he has the rare asset of a decent left foot, the service would come in from the flanks. With Beckham (or indeed with Le Tissier) they would have the early ball delivered over the heads of retreating Polish defenders.

And, when the time came, McManaman could offer the variation of running mesmerically at Poland. This would appear to be an England team of balance and potency.

The harnessing of the best goalscorers in the land is as much an Italian trait as a British one. We are reminded of that by the news yesterday of the death of Silvio Piola.

Piola, the scorer of 395 goals, including a record 290 in Serie A, scored 30 times in his 34 internationals. In most of them he shared the attack with Giuseppe Meazza, who was the other coveted Italian striker of the day. Both were centre forwards, and pessimists said the partnership could not work. But with the strength and power and aerial command of Piola, with the nimbler running and intuitive skill of Meazza, work it indubitably did.

Meazza was content to concede the central ground to Piola, to "drop off" him in, effectively, an inside-forward position. And when Italy won the 1938 World Cup final against Hungary in Paris, Piola scored twice. However, one of that great man's goals was illegal. It came against England in Milan and was scored with the fist, almost half a century before Diego Maradona infamously repeated the trick against Peter Shilton in Mexico City.

The Italians will wear black armbands when they line up against Moldova in Kishinev this evening. They will field a team that has six changes from the one that proved itself impotent in Manchester against Germany, going out of Euro 96 after a goalless draw.

Italy, still under the coaching of Arrigo Sacchi, will tonight rely on three centre forwards — Enrico Chiesa, Pierluigi Casiraghi and Fabrizio Ravanelli. Senor Sacchi has learnt: if you've got it, flaunt it.

HUW EVANS

The athleticism and commitment of Robinson, left, and Browning brought them to the notice of the Wales manager

Gould welcomes new age travellers

Russell Kempson on the arrival of two *promising talents in the Wales team*

When Bobby Gould took his first sip from the poisoned chalice of Welsh international football, he vowed to search the length and breadth of the Principality, and beyond, in an effort to unearth previously untapped talent. Anybody with an ounce of Celtic blood, or who had once holidayed on Barry Island, was apparently eligible for Gould's great renaissance.

It was therefore natural that, of the 34 players Gould has tried since becoming national team manager 14 months ago, Marcus Browning and John Robinson should stand out in the crowd. Neither has his roots in Wales — Browning was born in Bristol, Robinson in Bulawayo, formerly Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe — but their allegiance to the dragon is undisputed.

They also represent the way forward, as the old guard of Southall, Hughes, Rush and Saunders enters the twilight zone, and will be entrusted with implementing Gould's visionary plans. Tonight, when Wales play Holland in a group seven World Cup qualifying tie in Cardiff, should provide the best indicator yet of their readiness.

Though Browning and Robinson, both 25, share only seven caps, neither is likely to shy away from the glare of the European spotlight. They have been tutored well — Browning with Bristol Rovers in the Nationwide League second division, Robinson with Charlton Athletic, in the first division — and emerged on merit.

"I remember seeing John play for Charlton against Wolves last season," Gould said. "I can still see him now; an effervescent little man — buzzing, committed, passionate."

Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, agreed. He bought Robinson for £75,000 from Brighton four years ago but it was only last season that the right-sided midfield player, or occasional full back, left his first-team imprint. The rewards — supporters' player of the year, a new four-year contract — rubber-stamped his progression.

"I got him as a young boy and he's now a man," Curbishley said. "He has pace, stamina and is very versatile, very adaptable. He's been given the chance of playing international football and grabbed it."

Gould crossed paths with Browning much earlier, when he managed Bristol Rovers. He took on the gangly schoolboy, who was playing for Parkway Juniors in a local minor league, and began the polishing process from scratch. "He was a super athlete," Gould said.

Browning's endurance was never doubted. He failed two England Schools trials at cross country only because he wore football boots, not spikes, and Gould, then Malcolm Allison, years later, helped to nurture the skills. "He'll be a million-pound player one day," Allison said.

John Ward, who succeeded Allison, first realised the conversion possibilities, from striker to central midfield, and Browning's fine-tuning continued. "He's got all the attributes to get to the top," Ian Holloway, the Rovers player-manager, said. "Every time he goes away with Wales, he comes back a better player.

"When he mixes with the Premiership boys, he wants to be like them, he wants to improve. He's a strong, powerful lad."

Holloway turned down a £200,000 bid from Wimbledon last summer, typical of Joe Kinnear's cheeky chancing. "It was ridiculous," Holloway said. "We've had no contact with them since."

At the risk of ridicule, he forsees a Matthias Sammer role for Browning, whose maternal grandparents are from Tredegar. "If the Germans were to get hold of Marcus, I'm sure that's where they'd play him in the future," Holloway said. "They get their best players and put them there, at sweeper. I'm sure that's where he could end up."

Browning, unassuming at 6ft 1in, is not so sure. He lives only for today and will let tomorrow take care of itself. "I spent a month in the United States during Euro 96 and watched only one game, England v Germany," he said. "I didn't see Holland at all." This evening, at the National Stadium, he will get an extremely close view.

Premier League investigates wider screening

By John Goodbody

THE FA Premier League is investigating the possibility of introducing a pay-per-view system that would revolutionise the televising of football in England and widen still further the gap between the wealthy leading clubs and the rest.

Rick Parry, the League's chief executive, said yesterday that officials were studying experiments in pay-per-view in French and Italian football this season. Sky brought in pay-per-view for the Mike Tyson v Frank Bruno boxing match earlier this year.

Digital television offers the possibility of supporters being able to watch all their club's matches without leaving home.

"Our policy has been not to have televised football screened live against other matches," Parry said. "We are certainly not going to rush into pay-per-view. Some of the projections of the money available are fanciful. Ludicrous numbers are being banded about."

Parry, who was addressing the annual conference of the British Association for Sport and Law, in London, said later: "I remain to be 100 per cent convinced about pay-per-view. There are huge questions still to be answered. We have a very good deal at the moment which gives a certainty of income. We don't want to cannibalise that income.

"We do not want to upset a very delicate balance in which there is some sort of equity in the sharing of revenue. This does not mean equal shares between clubs but does mean equal opportunity."

Maurice Watkins, a director of Manchester United, said that, like other leading clubs, United were looking at the possibility of broadcasting a magazine programme about the club that might go out on cable, satellite or as a pay-per-view programme.

"This is different from the pay-per-view of matches. We are looking to see how that works in other countries," he said.

Irish risk disregarding Armenian threat

By David Maddock

GERARD McMAHON is a bright young man, his tricky wing play revealing a thoughtful approach when it comes to football. His beliefs, though, suggest that Northern Ireland have yet to learn a lesson that could cost them a place in the World Cup finals.

The North plays host this afternoon to Armenia in the second of their group nine games. Even at this early stage, defeat would virtually signal the end of the Irish challenge in a group containing Germany and Portugal.

Such a precarious position has been reached because Bryan Hamilton's side lost to the Ukraine at Windsor Park in the first match of the group. A largely unknown quantity had been treated lightly — with disastrous consequences.

Armenia fall into the same category. Little is known of the country that achieved its footballing independence only two years ago, and is still fighting a war to draw its own national boundaries. Yet McMahon's analysis of the match today suggests Northern Ireland can again fall into the trap.

"We are confident," he said. "We know that we need to win, and it doesn't really matter by what score, but 5-0 would be nice."

Armenia have won just one of their 12 games since gaining independence from the former Soviet Union. They did, however, draw their first qualifying match against Portugal. Thus, the alarm bells should be ringing for Hamilton and his team. It seems they are not for McMahon, of Stoke City, who seems likely to be in the starting line-up.

McMahon's wingplay is the type in which the North seems to excel and his presence gives them an exciting flavour. He will be employed in a forward position alongside Dowie, with Hamilton hoping to exploit his pace.

Not that Khoren Hovanissian, the Armenia manager, is planning on defending. "It was a superb performance against Portugal, and we have no need to fear any side," he said. Hamilton, perhaps recognising the pitfalls more than his players, however, will reinforce his defence by drafting in Barry Hunter and Ian Nolan.

GROUP NINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ukraine	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Armenia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 0 Ukraine 1 Armenia 0 Portugal 0

Brown pinpoints stability as Scotland's first Baltic goal

From Kevin McCarra in Riga, Latvia

IT MAY be that Scotland are simply too polite to shame their hosts. Faced with a World Cup qualifying match against Latvia here this evening, the visitors have confined themselves to the same modest resources as one of Europe's "new" nations. It is as if Scotland had dressed down for the occasion, leaving in the wardrobe such finery as established forwards.

The partnership in attack is still to be established, but one fact is certain. Whichever pair is chosen from the three principal candidates, Craig Brown's side will be fielding two forwards who have not scored a goal in international football. John Spencer, of Chelsea, and Darren Jackson, of Hibernian, each have a dozen caps; Billy Dodds, of Aberdeen, can at least protest that he has, until now, never played for his country.

Scotland's weakened state is no act of courtesy towards Latvia. It reflects only an unusual form of deterioration. With a combination of statistics and insouciance, Brown breezily reports that there are, on average, 5.3 withdrawals from each squad that he names. This time, however, most of the losses have been concentrated in attack. Of the five men to have been ruled out, all but one, Colin Hendry, are forwards.

Eoin Jess, whose father died yesterday, has joined Duncan Ferguson, Gordon Durie and Ally McCoist on the list of those unavailable. Adversity, however, is the only climate that Brown has experienced with Scotland, and he remains unperturbed.

"I feel a manager should be pro-active rather than reactive," he said, "but on this occasion there have been so many changes that I feel stability is the best option." Apart from the replacement of Hendry by Derek Whyte, Scotland will deploy the same players in defence and midfield as were used in the 0-0 draw with Austria in Vienna at the end of August.

While Scotland should cope efficiently with the second match of this tour, in Estonia on Wednesday, Brown is respectful of Latvia, who, unlike many emerging nations in football, have the means and intent to attack. Vitas Rimkous may only play in Germany's third division, with Nürnberg, but his record of six goals in ten internationals is one that more celebrated forwards would covet.

Scotland are also made anxious by the thought that their main rivals in group four, Sweden, won here last month, the 2-1 victory being secured as a result of an error by Oleg Karavajev, the Latvia goalkeeper.

Brown is not hopeful that his men will be obliged with such a mistake. Lacking any overpowering flair, Scotland will depend on ringcraft. As Brown put it: "Latvia are not streetwise. Both of Sweden's goals here stemmed from near-post headers and, in McAllister and Collins, I believe we have players with the delivery to get the right kind of cross into that area."

There will be fixtures ahead with far more lustre, but as Scotland attempt to keep pace with Sweden, their match here may prove one of the most significant of the campaign.

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Belarus	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
Austria	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Scotland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Latvia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Estonia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belarus 1, Austria 0 Scotland 0, Belarus 1 Estonia 0, Latvia 1 Sweden 2

POSSIBLE SCOTLAND TEAM (3-5-2): A Goram (Rangers) — T Boyd (Celtic), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), D Whyte (Middlesbrough) — C Burley (Chelsea), G McAllister (Coventry City), S McCall (Rangers), J Collins (AS Monaco), T McKinlay (Celtic) — W Dodds (Aberdeen), J Spencer (Chelsea)

FA charge Brighton over trouble

THE Football Association yesterday charged Brighton and Hove Albion with failing to control spectators during the Nationwide League third division match with Lincoln City at the Goldstone Ground on Tuesday, a game that was marred by three pitch invasions (Peter Ball writes).

Supporters protesting at the way the club has been run spilt onto the pitch twice after Lincoln scored during a 3-1 win and there was another protest involving about 50 people after the final whistle. In April Brighton's match with York was abandoned because of crowd trouble and a suspended sentence was imposed on the club.

If that is now invoked, they will have to play a match behind closed doors and lose three league points. "It is an option to impose the suspended sentence, but we will have to see what the outcome of the case brought against Brighton is," Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said.

Swindon Town yesterday parted company with their coach, Andy Rowland, by mutual consent. Rowland had been on the first division club's coaching staff for ten years, but Steve McMahon, the player-manager, said: "The club is now moving in a new direction."

Hodgson falls foul of fickle Italian taste

By Brian Glanville

IN ITALY, Roy Hodgson is under fire, forcing his club president to ride to the rescue. Hodgson the Croydon-born manager of Internazionale of Milan for the past year, and previously a distinguished coach of Switzerland, has been astounded by a fusilade of criticism.

For Inter are, so far, unbeaten in the Italian Campionato, and came through the first round of the Uefa Cup against Guingamp, of France.

Working successfully in Sweden before he went to Switzerland, Hodgson was nevertheless unprepared for the volatile chaos of Italian football, its sudden, bewildering changes, the way in which today's hero is tomorrow's villain: and vice versa.

Last week, at Inter's training ground in Appiano Gentile, he expressed his shock. "What have I done wrong," he asked, "if everybody seems to want my head? I've seen, I've heard, I've read so many things about me in these weeks.

"I thought Inter were working well, seven competitive games without defeat, a single loss in 17 games, including friendlies. Yet I've been put on trial, a trial which is incredible. Perhaps I'm naive, but if all this comes from Inzaghi's goal at Bergamo [Atalanta's 86th minute equaliser in the match last Sunday] I don't understand any more."

Massimo Moratti, Inter's president, rushed to the training ground to give Hodgson his public support. Hodgson said he was sorry that Moratti had had to leave his office. He was happy that the president had spoken so well of him and assured him of Inter's complete confidence.

"I've been in football for 20 years," Hodgson said, "but I've never lived through a situation like this, this wave of criticism, rumours, strictures about myself, even lies, such as saying I tried to get a renewal of my contract [which runs to 1997] and that Moratti had refused."

When he arrived from Switzerland, Hodgson revived not only a struggling Inter team but the career of England's Paul Ince, whom he restored to his preferred midfield role.

Inter, it is true, have not excelled this season. New players such as Zamorano, of Chile, Ciriaco Sforza, of Switzerland and Djorkaeff, of France, have still to bed down. The loss of the brilliant young striker, Kanu, of Nigeria, with heart trouble, has been a fearful blow. Italian football, being what it is, however, one good win for Inter and Hodgson will be a hero again.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group four: Estonia 1 Belarus 1 (in Tallinn). Group nine: Ukraine 1 Portugal 0 (in Kiev)

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Tonbridge 2 Hastings 0; Horsham 2 Ashford 4

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Inter-town challenge: Rotherham 4 Doncaster 1. English Schools Fujifilm Trophy: Ipswich 1 Basildon 1 (aet)

ITALIAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Perugia 1 Nocerina 2 (Nocerina win 2-1 on agg), Sampdoria 0 Genoa 2 (Genoa win 4-2 on agg)

SPANISH LEAGUE: Deportivo la Coruña 1 R Vallecano 1, Extremadura 1 R Santander 2, Valencia 0 Logrones 1; Celta Vigo 3 Oviedo 1, Athletic Bilbao 1 R Sociedad 3; Hercules 0 Betis 1; Barcelona 1 Tenerife 1, Sporting Gijon 1 Compostela 1; Valladolid 1 Zaragoza 1, Seville 0 Atletico Madrid 0

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Atletico Paranaense 1 Botafogo 0; Internacional 4 Vasco da Gama 1; São Paulo 4 Flamengo 1

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: First round, second leg: Cruzeiro (Br) 3 Nacional (Uru) 1 (Cruzeiro win 4-2 on agg), Velez Sarsfield (Arg) 1 Gremio (Br) 0 (Velez Sarsfield win 4-3 on agg)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offs: St Louis 5 San Diego 4 (St Louis lead 2-0), Los Angeles 2 Atlanta 3 (Atlanta lead 2-0)

BASKETBALL

EUROLEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 60 Croatia Split 63; Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 78 Alba Berlin 68; Bologna 93 Seville 75, Maccabi Tel Aviv 70 Stefanel Milan 65; Efes Pilsen (Tur) 87 Dynamo Moscow 84

CRICKET

Kenya Cup

Pakistan v Sri Lanka

NAIROBI (Sri Lanka won toss): Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by 82 runs

PAKISTAN

*Saeed Anwar c Mahanama b Muralitharan	115
Salim Elahi c Muralitharan b Dharmasena	23
Shahid Afridi c Muralitharan b S C de Silva	102
Ramiz Raja c Gurusinha b Muralitharan	7
Salim Malik c Ranatunga b P A de Silva	43
Ijaz Ahmed st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	6
†Moin Khan c Dharmasena b Jayasuriya	18
Waqar Younis c Dharmasena b Jayasuriya	12
Azhar Mahmood run out	0
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	13
Shahid Nazir not out	6
Extras (lb 7, w 17, nb 2)	26
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	371

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-186, 3-207, 4-299, 5-314, 6-322, 7-336, 8-336, 9-364

BOWLING: S C de Silva 6-0-47-1, Vaas 7-0-44-0, Dharmasena 7-0-48-1, Jayasuriya 10-0-94-3, Muralitharan 10-0-75-2, P A de Silva 10-0-58-1

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c Shahid Nazir b Waqar	2
†R S Kaluwitharana c Moin b Waqar	19
A P Gurusinha b Waqar	1
P A de Silva st Moin b Saqlain	122
R S Mahanama lbw b Waqar	0
*A Ranatunga c Moin b Shahid Afridi	52
H P Tillekeratne b Saqlain	3
H D P K Dharmasena c Saeed b Saqlain	51
W P U J C Vaas b Waqar	16
M Muralitharan st Moin b Saqlain	0
S C de Silva not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 12, nb 1)	23
Total (49.5 overs)	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-26, 3-27, 4-27, 5-151, 6-160, 7-270, 8-279, 9-279

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 8.5-0-52-5, Azhar Mahmood 5-2-38-0; Shahid Nazir 2-0-32-0, Saqlain Mushtaq 10-2-33-4, Salim Malik 10-0-58-0, Shahid Afridi 10-0-43-1; Saeed Anwar 1-0-8-0; Ijaz Ahmed 3-0-14-0

Umpires: I Robinson and R Tiffin (Zimbabwe)

CYCLING

TOUR OF PUGLIA: Third stage (Gallipoli to Cisternino, 212km): 1, F Casagrande (It) 5hr 38min 38sec; 2, F Guidi (It); 3, J Museeuw (Bel); 4, F Puttini (Swit); 5, S Colage (It) all same time. Fourth stage (Taranto to Martina Franca, 172km): 1, G Lombardi (It) 4hr 25min 26sec; 2, Guidi; 3, S Checchin (It); 4, Colage; 5, M Piccoli (It) all same time. Final overall positions: 1, Guidi 19hr 46min 56sec; 2, Casagrande; 3, Colage; 4, Puttini; 5, J Odriozola (Sp) all same time

GOLF

THE WARWICKSHIRE: Motor City Seniors Classic: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 69: K Fulton (Can). 70: J Cabo (Sp). 71: B Hardwick (Can). 72: S Vollruth (Ger), D Creamer, M Gregson, J Morgan, V Krajewski (US). 73: B Huggett, A Garrido (Sp), J Fourie (SA), B Verwey (SA), J Rhodes, T Britz (SA), B Hunt. 74: S Aldwick, A Croce (It), R Bernardini (It), W Armstrong (US), T Horton, M McCrone, R Fidler. 75: G Gray, N Coles, R Botts (US), D McCart, N Ratcliffe (Aus), R Vines (Aus), B Carter, L Higgins, D Huish, G Will, D Talbot, C Evans (US), B Waites, B Longworth, P Leonard. 76: J Wilkshire, T Grubb, W Sauer (US), F Hill, J Dorrestein (Holl), C Aldred, F Abreu (Sp), M Murphy, D Butler, D Simon (US)

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LYONS: Men's tournament: Second round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-7, 5-4 ret; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt Y el Aynaoui (Mor) 7-5, 6-2; T Henman (GB) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, L Roux (Fr) bt C Woodruff (US) 3-6, 7-6, 7-5. Quarter-finals: Henman bt Kucera 7-6, 6-2; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: Second round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Oremans (Holl) 6-2, 6-1, L Davenport (US) bt E Callens (Bel) 7-6, 6-1. Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, A Huber (Ger) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 7-6, H Sukova (Cz) bt Sánchez Vicario 6-3, 7-6; I Majoli (Cro) bt Davenport 6-7, 7-6, 7-6

SINGAPORE: Men's tournament: Second round: J Frana (Arg) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; J Stark (US) bt S Schalken (Holl) 7-6, 7-5; T Johansson (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 6-0, 7-6; M Sinner (Ger) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-2, 6-3, R Krajicek (Holl) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-4, 6-2, M Chang (US) bt N Pereira (Ven) 6-3, 6-1. Quarter-finals: G Rusedski (GB) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 7-6, 6-2; Stark bt Sinner 7-6, 7-6; Chang bt Frana 6-4, 6-1, Johansson bt Krajicek 5-7, 7-6 ret

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Super League becomes a global reality

Arthurson: defiant in defeat for ARL

By Christopher Irving

IN simple scoring terms, it was victory by 60-1. The Super League yesterday routed the Australian Rugby League (ARL) in the Federal Court in Sydney on every ground for appeal bar one and its long-cherished global vision for the sport will now finally become a reality.

The immediate consequences are a resumption of Anglo-Australian playing relations and a lifting of a ban on an Australasian Super League. An international fixture, probably in Brisbane, is being arranged for next month, at the end of Great Britain's tour of the Pacific and New Zealand. There will be a world club championship in October next year between the top four European and Australasian sides, followed by a now meaningful World Cup.

The ARL will seek leave to appeal to the Australian High Court against the decision of the three appeal court judges, who overturned every ruling made by Justice James Burchett in his original judgment in favour of the ARL last February. However, the comprehensive nature of the Super League's victory led to mutterings from inside the ARL that it might have neither the stomach, nor the pocket, for a continuation of the 20-month battle to control rugby league.

Without tours to Australia and world play-offs, the European Super League, albeit successfully launched last summer, was hollow and impaired. Now, the prospect of both gives succour to a game that has the *raison d'être* for the controversial move to summer restored. Through Rugby League (Europe), the new promotional arm of the 12 Super League clubs, commercial possibilities can now also be tapped to the full. A busy calendar should also prevent another short-term rush by players into rugby union.

A battle principally over pay-television rights in Australia was one that Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, felt throughout would elevate the sport to a new plane. "There was a dwindling band of us with faith in Super League's ability to win this case," he said. "There is a sense of vindication, but mainly excitement now that we'll have a global competition, with the best players in the world on the biggest stages."

For now, Australia has two national teams; the ARL version plays tomorrow in Papua New Guinea. The country will also have two competitions in 1997, unless there is a move by the 12 ARL clubs to join the ten-team Super League, which will start next February. If the worries expressed by some loyalists turn into a revolt, then the ARL will be hopelessly isolated, although all stood firm at a meeting last night.

In upholding 60 grounds for appeal, the judges found that loyalty agreements binding clubs to the ARL breached trade practices and that the rights of players and clubs were unfairly affected by previous court orders. The one ruling against the Super League's backers, News Ltd, the Australian arm of The News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, was that it should pay damages for interference to the ARL competition.

There is no doubting the tenacity of the now impoverished ARL in fighting what it sees as a takeover of its game and, as the most popular television and spectator sport in New South Wales and Queensland, a rich market. Super League matches in Australia and New Zealand will be shown on Foxtel, a pay-television channel 50 per cent owned by News Ltd. There was no word yesterday from Kerry Packer, whose Channel 9 station has bankrolled the ARL.

The fact that only three Super League clubs, Canberra, Cronulla and Brisbane, made the top-eight final series in the recent Australian Premiership, appears to back the argument by Ken Arthurson, the ARL chairman, that his organisation possesses the better players, though it is not totally convincing. In ruling out any compromise, Arthurson said he was convinced there would be two competitions next season.

For Great Britain, who meet Fiji in the early hours today, the restoration of Australia to their tour itinerary represents an eagerly-awaited climax. For Australian players of the calibre of Steve Renouf, Bradley Clyde and Laurie Daley, it will be a welcome return to the international arena.

TIMETABLE OF VICTORY

MARCH 1995: Pay-television dispute erupts in Australia with plans for a so-called Star League (later to become Super League). Mass defections by players from the establishment Australian Rugby League (ARL).

APRIL 1995: English clubs accept a five-year £87 million offer by The News Corporation to set up summer European Super League. Proposals for merged clubs abandoned. ARL buys up Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly, of Wigan, in bidding war with Super League.

OCTOBER 1995: Australia snub Super League players and win the centenary World Cup in Britain with a side comprising only ARL players. Formation of Super League International Board leaves ARL isolated.

FEBRUARY 1996: Six days before Australasian Super League is due to start, it is ruled illegal by Mr Justice Burchett in the Sydney Federal Court and banned until 2000 in an overwhelming legal victory for the ARL.

MARCH 1996: The 12-team European Super League kicks off in Paris, but with no prospect of play-offs against the top Australasian sides. More than 300 rebel Super League players in Australia threaten to start their own league.

OCTOBER 1996: The Australian Federal Court of Appeal sets aside all the original orders made against the Australasian Super League, enabling it to kick off next February, culminating in play-offs with the top four European teams, in October 1997.

Wales pin hopes on Dutch discord

By Russell Kempson

AN ABIDING memory of the European football championship was of England's 4-1 defeat of Holland. The Dutch were not only mastered but destroyed, a result that, even four months on, they find difficult to accept or comprehend. Tonight, when they open their 1998 World Cup campaign with a qualifying tie against Wales in Cardiff, they will attempt to exorcise the demons that still lurk within.

Nobody is foolish enough to admit as much, at least publicly. Victory over Wales, the group seven leaders, could hardly be deemed revenge for a humiliation on English soil. What Holland seek is a reaffirmation of their self-belief, a confidence verging on arrogance that they remain a force on the European stage.

It is a test, too, of team morale, which was partially lifted by a 2-2 draw against Brazil in Amsterdam in August. Has Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, managed to restore harmony among a group of players that appears to have inherited many of the egotistical qualities of its illustrious predecessors?

During Euro 96, Hiddink sent home Edgar Davids, the midfielder player, for criticising his team selections. Rumours of racial conflict in the multicultural squad were rife, too. "We cannot deny the past," Hiddink said yesterday. "We have talked a lot about Euro 96, about what went on, and everybody is aware of it. The spirit before, during and after the Brazil game was good, and it is good now. Everyone knows their obligations, my expectations."

Perhaps it has helped that Davids is not with the party. He has been unable to gain a regular place in Milan's *Serie A* side. Hiddink is also without 13 other players, including Dennis Bergkamp, the Arsenal striker, Patrick Kluivert, Peter Hoekstra and Richard Witschge.

With Bergkamp's hamstring injury failing to respond to treatment, Hiddink did not dare risk him — much to Arsenal's relief, no doubt. "They need not have worried," Hiddink said. "We have good medical staff and they have kept in close contact with Highbury. Arsenal did not put us under any pressure." Bergkamp said: "You would usually expect Holland to beat Wales but the Welsh have a great spirit."

All week, Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, has been stoking up his players, hyping them into a state of simmering self-assurance. He believes that the two victories against San Marino — 11 goals scored, none conceded — can be accompanied by a third, more notable scalp: that even without Ryan Giggs, who is suspended, the task is not beyond them.

He has demanded passion and aggression, but bristled when a Dutch television crew suggested that he might employ kick-and-rush tactics. "I take great offence to that," he said. He does, though, hope that the 4-1 horrors return to haunt Holland. "Memories like that don't disappear too quickly," he said. "I think it's going to be tough for them."

Of the probable Dutch lineup, six started at Wembley. Jordi Cruyff shudders at the thought of another defeat. "It would be disastrous," he said. "It would give Wales nine points and us zero." He paused. "I don't want to even think about it."

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	11	0	6
Belgium	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
San Marino	*2*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*	*11*	*0*

RESULTS: San Marino 0 Wales 5, Wales 6 San Marino 0; Belgium 2 Turkey 1

WALES (4-4-2): N Southall (Everton) — M Bowen (West Ham United), A Melville (Sunderland), K Symons (Manchester City), M Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday) — J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), M Browning (Bristol Rovers), B Horne (Birmingham City), G Speed (Everton) — M Hughes (Chelsea), D Saunders (Nottingham Forest). Substitutes: to be announced.

HOLLAND (4-4-2, probable): E van der Sar (Ajax) — F Verlaat (Vitesse Arnhem), F de Boer (Ajax), S Valckx (PSV Eindhoven), W Bogarde (Ajax) — A Winter (Internazionale), W Jonk (PSV Eindhoven), P Cocu (PSV Eindhoven), C Seedorf (Real Madrid) — J Cruyff (Manchester United), R de Boer (Ajax). Substitutes: to be announced.

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CLIVE BRUNSKILL/ALLSPORT

Rusedski, left, acknowledges the crowd after his quarter-final victory over Olhovskiy, while Henman's determination is evident after his success

Britons' advance continues apace

By Our Sports Staff

THE upsurge in British tennis fortunes continued yesterday with Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski reaching the semi-finals of ATP Tour tournaments in Lyons and Singapore respectively.

Henman defeated Karol Kucera, of Slovakia, 7-6, 6-2, to set up a repeat of his meeting at Wimbledon with Yevgeny Kafelnikov, which the British No 1 won. The Russian secured his place in the last four in Lyons with victory over the No 2 seed, Magnus Gustafsson.

After being kept on court for 2½ hours before beating the Dutchman, Jan Siemerink, in the second round late on Thursday, Henman eased through despite playing in discomfort from blisters. Once he had shaded a first-set tie-break 8-6, the result was not in doubt as Henman secured the second set.

Rusedski built his 7-6, 6-2 win against Andrei Olhovskiy, of Russia, in the Singapore Open on the foundations laid by his renowned service power. Rusedski, who is unseeeded, struck 16 aces, including three in succession to close out the match. "My tennis has been there, but I am more relaxed now and I am not letting my mind wander," Rusedski said.

Clubs unveil European vision

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE leading clubs in European rugby union yesterday agreed a formula for a competition next season that they will put out to tender to broadcasters. It is not yet clear whether they intend to operate within the auspices of the game's traditional governing bodies.

Clubs from England, Wales, France and Italy, meeting at Heathrow, proclaimed an agreed "European-wide structure of club league and cup competitions" — from which Scotland and Ireland are noticeable by their absence. "Talks . . . were the result of a desire by professional rugby union clubs to establish a stable and viable platform for the game in the northern hemisphere."

It is hard not to see this proposition as putting the cart before the horse. The clubs have to establish whether they are working as partners with, or in opposition to, their respective unions, which, in England and Wales, they have yet to do; French clubs, meanwhile, have reached such an agreement and will not participate in a competition unauthorised by their federation.

If the club plan proves acceptable to any broadcaster, and the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) has guidelines that channel such agreements through national unions, then it will cut directly across the existing two-tier knockout tournament organised by European Rugby Cup Limited (ERC), which begins next Saturday.

As a sweetener to television interests, which may see in this level of club rugby easier access to international rugby, the clubs have agreed to release their players for eight internationals in any season "on a basis to be agreed with the unions".

That, at least, offers some hope of an area for co-operation, though Wales, for example, plan to play ten internationals this season alone. There is no suggestion that the clubs would release players for district rugby in Scotland and Ireland, or for the representative tier planned by the Rugby Football Union, which will pit, say, the Northern Counties against the All Blacks and Argentina over the next two months.

"Today was an important step forward for the creation of a properly organised and securely funded European-wide professional club rugby union structure," the clubs' statement claimed, although they have yet to produce evidence of the secure funding that is critical to their aims.

Tom Kiernan, chairman of ERC, doubts that the aims of the clubs replicate those of the unions. "That may be true for some of them but not for those clubs who have turned themselves into business houses," he said in Rome, where the IRFB general meeting is in session. Marcel Martin, Kiernan's colleague from France, has offered details of the agreement reached between the French clubs and their governing body as a model to Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, though he has yet to receive an acknowledgement.

Meanwhile Vernon Pugh, the IRFB chairman, has emphasised to the 61 countries attending the board's third general meeting that professionalism should not be allowed to divide the game.

"We must not let present-day problems overtake our longer-term objectives," Pugh said in Rome. "The IRFB is your governing body. Its authority has to be accepted by all: unions, clubs, provinces and other rugby bodies whether great or small, strong or weak."

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Pakistan prodigy shatters one-day record

Afridi: 11 sixes in teenage blitz

By Our Sports Staff

SHAHID AFRIDI, of Pakistan, who is thought to be only 16, scored a century from 37 balls, a record in international one-day cricket, in the match against Sri Lanka in the Kenya four-nations tournament in Nairobi yesterday.

His age may be in dispute — one report says he is 18 — but there was no disputing the way he rewrote the record books in what was only his second appearance on the international stage. He hit 11 sixes and six fours before falling for 102. "It looked more like baseball than cricket," one spectator said.

Shahid, who was pulled out of the Pakistan youth side to replace the injured Mushtaq Ahmed, missed the fastest one-day international 50 by one ball, but smashed the previous record for a century by 11 deliveries. Both records were held by the Sri Lanka opener, Sanath Jayasuriya, who made 50 from 17 balls and 100 from 48 against Pakistan in a tournament in Singapore last April. Yesterday, Afridi had the satisfaction of hammering Jayasuriya out of the attack by taking 43 off the left-arm spinner's two overs, including five sixes.

The Pakistan manager, Nusrat Azim, said he had asked for a slow bowler to replace Mushtaq and was unaware that Afridi was also a batsman. "I didn't come here to slog," Afridi said. "My main job is to be a spinner. I just wanted to be useful to the team."

Inspired by their latest prodigy, Pakistan made 371 for nine in their 50 overs. Afridi, who went in at 60 for one, shared a second-wicket partnership of 126 with his captain, Saeed Anwar, who scored 115.

Despite an innings of 122 from Aravinda de Silva, Pakistan bowled out their opponents for 289 to qualify for the final against South Africa tomorrow. But it was a close run thing. Had Sri Lanka made one more run they would have qualified by virtue of a superior run-rate.

It looked as though Sri Lanka would just make it when, in the final over, Chaminder Vaas hit a huge six off Waqar Younis followed by a four. But the fast bowler had the last word, bowling Vaas for 16 with the penultimate ball of the match to finish with figures of five for 52.

It was a good win win for Pakistan over the World Cup-holders for they were also without Wasim Akram, who has returned home to be with his sick father.

The match aggregate of 660 runs was another record.

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Najibullah had hours to save himself from killers

Christopher Thomas finds Kabul still shocked by the summary death of a former leader

A SCRAWLED message has appeared on the concrete post from which the former President, Muhammad Najibullah, was left dangling in the centre of Kabul last week: "Let this be a warning." The garden hose used for the hanging is still there, drawing a steady stream of people who stare in shocked silence.

Kabul observed its first full day of Friday worship under Taleban rule yesterday, still stunned by an event that has fuelled fears about the kind of people who are now master of three-quarters of Afghanistan. There was ample reason to hate Najibullah, once a secret police chief, but no one wanted this. He had spent four and a half years sheltering in a United Nations compound, a short walk from the presidential palace where he ruled for six years before being toppled by the invading Mujahidin in April 1992.

In the frantic hours before being killed, he was either naive or so paralysed by fear to try to save himself. He was killed with his younger brother, Ahmadzai, who had stayed with him. They slept by day, and by night they smoked, watched television, played cards and read. They feared being killed by snipers if they ventured in daylight into the compound's small walled garden.

There was a small swimming pool, which they used after dark. They installed punchbags and weightlifting equipment: both were in peak physical condition. A burly Najibullah, 6ft 2in and known as The Ox, lost 12½ stone and was almost unrecognisable from his presidential days. Every week or two he spoke by UN satellite phone to his wife, Fatana, and three daughters in Delhi, where they are guests of India's Government.

One day a year he donned a navy blue suit and tie and celebrated a formal birthday dinner for both of them. Their birthdays are a few days apart: they had always celebrated them jointly. A cake was baked for his last birthday, his fiftieth.

The former President, in effect installed as leader by the Soviet Union, was enthralled by *The Great Game* by Peter Hopkirk, a former journalist with *The Times*, and was translating it into Farsi. He had hoped to have it printed and said all Afghans should read it to understand more of their history and draw lessons from it. He had one or two chapters left to translate.

Burhanuddin Rabbani, ousted as President nine days ago by Taleban, offered to take Najibullah with him when he fled north. Najibullah, not trusting him, refused. He seemed to think he was safer with the invaders, or perhaps he had come to fear the world beyond the gate.

At about 6pm his government guards fled. For hours, he and his brother could have walked out of the gate. A quarter of a million Kabul citizens were fleeing: there was chaos and the pair could have tried to lose themselves in it. Instead, they decided to stay.

Taleban soldiers came at 1.30am last Friday and took Najibullah to the Presidential Palace, leaving his brother behind. One account of what happened next is that Najibullah put up a fight, seized a Kalashnikov and was shot in the head and body. There is no doubt, according to a doctor, that he was dead when strung up. Before dying he had demanded the right to make a last public statement. He wanted journalists and a crowd of 1,000 to hear him. Having refused interviews during his incarceration, he was desperate to say something.

His brother, who had been talking frantically over a UN walkie-talkie seeking help, was driven by five gunmen to the palace. It was now 4.30am.

From there he was taken alive with Najibullah to a nearby roundabout and hanged. The bodies stayed suspended for two days. Najibullah's family was given safe passage by Taleban to Gardez, the family ancestral home south of Kabul, for last Monday's funeral.

> ‘A quarter of a million fled: the brothers could have disappeared in the chaos’

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A Jewish woman weeps as an Israeli police officer carries a baby to safety after the Wailing Wall area was evacuated

Appeals for calm outweigh call to arms by Hamas

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS and Palestinians pulled back temporarily from the brink of war yesterday as attempts by Islamic militants to incite "total confrontation" between Jews and Arabs after Friday prayers at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque and elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza Strip failed.

As both sides appealed for calm before tomorrow's American-sponsored peace negotiations on the Israel-Gaza border, Muslim clerics restrained stone-throwers and Israel softened its security dragnet on the 2.2 million Palestinians under its control.

Palestinian police, reacting to orders from Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, worked to prevent new confrontations. As one east Jerusalem shopkeeper said, with an enigmatic smile: "For a few days at least, we are prepared to give peace a chance."

Although a handful of the 12,000 worshippers who managed to reach al-Aqsa threw stones on to hundreds of Jews praying at the Wailing Wall, Israeli riot police refrained from storming the Temple Mount.

Al-Aqsa prayer leader Muhammad Hussein shouted through a loudspeaker as the stones began to fly: "We do not want to give the aggressors a chance to close the mosque. Please go home quietly."

Jewish worshippers fled from the Wall after evacuation orders were shouted by police, whose restraint had been specifically ordered from above.

Earlier, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, made an unprecedented appeal to Palestinians for calm over Israel's Arabic TV and radio channels. "I ask you, do not go into mourning. Do not lose hope. This is an opportunity for a fresh start for the peace process."

☐ **Shamir ill:** Yitzhak Shamir, 80, the former Israeli Prime Minister, collapsed in Paris yesterday at a fundraising meeting, Israel Army Radio said. He was treated for exhaustion and high blood pressure. *(AP)*

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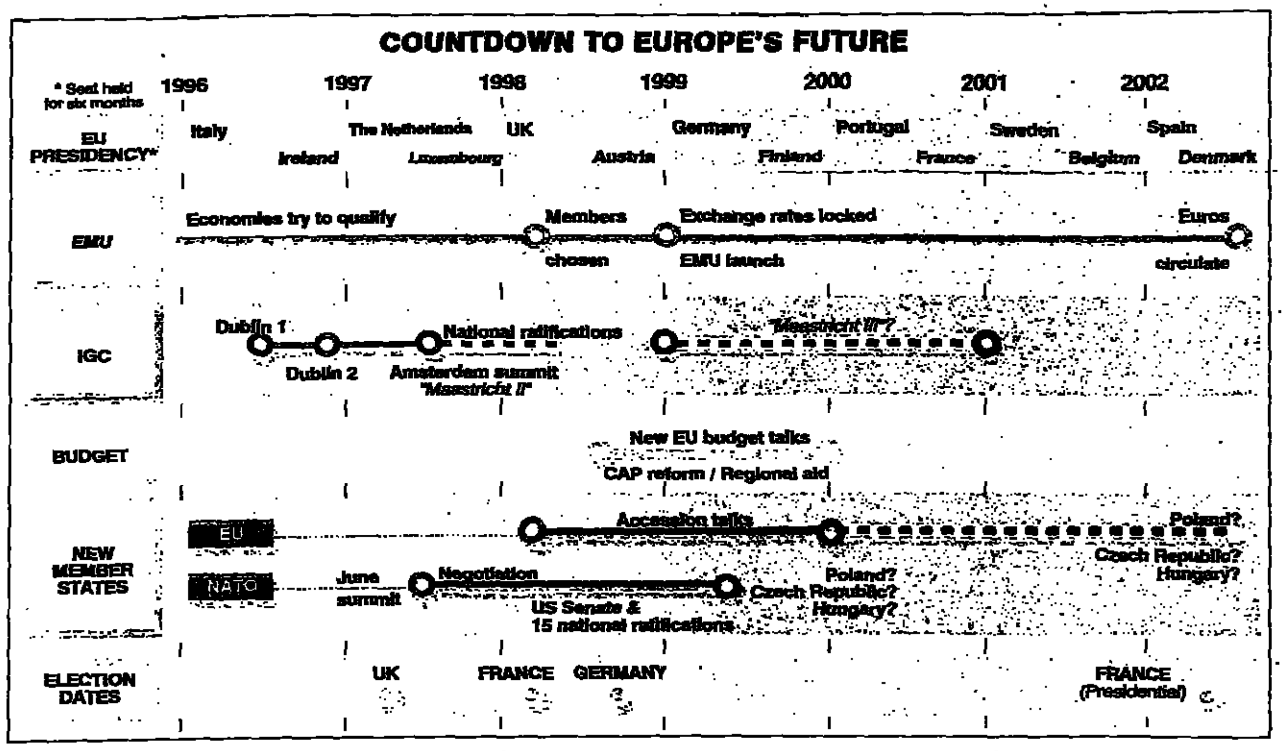
Member states hide behind British opposition as Chirac pushes for progress on Maastricht II

EU leaders target Major at start of treaty review

From Charles Bremner in Dublin and Richard Owen in Rome



JOHN MAJOR will offer a convenient target today when European Union leaders meet in Dublin to give impetus to the virtually stagnant negotiations to revamp the Maastricht treaty. British resistance will not, however, drown out the increasing discord among the other states over the design of a new Europe.

The looming British election is being blamed for the way in which almost all the member states are holding back from serious negotiation at the Dublin inter-governmental conference (IGC).

The Prime Minister will take a stand against attempts by a strong EU majority to insert an "employment chapter" into the treaty. The proposal, developed by the Union's Irish presidency as a balance to the treaty's commitment to monetary rigour, would seek to commit member states to creating and safeguarding jobs. Britain insists that the matter is up to member states, and Germany shares its qualms.

The leaders of Austria, The Netherlands and Portugal signalled their distaste for the Conservative administration this week when they took the unusual step of sending messages of support to Tony Blair at the Labour conference, despite the party's lukewarm stance on Europe. With the Tory conference only three days away, Mr Major will repeat his opposition to virtually all the reform proposals on the table, particularly a draft "economic chapter" that has been approved by 12 of the 15 member states.

There is widespread agreement, however, that Britain's opposition to any extension of EU powers is being used by other states to disguise their own misgivings about ceding sovereignty. In a glaring illustration of the prevailing mutual suspicions, Irish officials said yesterday that only Denmark and Austria had responded to a questionnaire last month in which all states were asked to what extent they were prepared to discard the national veto in favour of majority voting in EU decision-making. France and Germany, the motor of the Union and the core countries of the proposed single currency, refused to respond, despite noble statements about the need for more majority voting. The episode has fuelled concern that today's gathering will end with a minimal brush-up of the kind desired by the British Government rather than the ambitious framework desired by the federal-minded states.

The aim of the summit is to kickstart the IGC exercise in time for a formal gathering in Dublin in December and conclusion of a Maastricht II treaty in Amsterdam next June. John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister and President of the EU Council, wants a commitment to finish the new treaty in June and an agreement not to lower ambitions for the outcome.

He also hopes the leaders will focus on ways of enabling the EU to fight drugs and crime, create jobs, run a coherent foreign policy and reshape its institutions for the entry of up to a dozen new members from Central and Eastern Europe.

President Chirac is eager to draw up the new EU treaty so that it can be ratified well before the French general elections in March 1998. He and Professor Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, set off for Dublin yesterday saying they had smoothed over their differences and would take a joint approach on issues ranging from the Middle East to monetary union.

Signor Prodi said after a summit in Naples with M Chirac that there was a "perfect understanding" between them on all issues, including the vexed question of whether Italy's efforts to qualify for monetary union were sufficient in 1999. M Chirac, who had chosen not to utter parts of his earlier speeches in Naples that praised Italy's new policy, said at the end of the summit that Rome's rigour was a "courageous policy in line with the European spirit". He added: "The subsequent rise in the lira and fall in interest rates can only be appreciated."

Signor Prodi was also conciliatory, withdrawing remarks that he made earlier this week about French budgetary "window-dressing".

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John Major, who is likely to oppose any "employment chapter", and John Bruton, host of the Dublin talks

Paris and Bonn pencil in a date with destiny

By George Brock, European Editor

WHEN President Chirac arrives in Dublin today, he will be keen to shake the intergovernmental conference on the Maastricht treaty out of the torpor and obscurity into which the French leader thinks it has fallen.

The summiteers will hear a lot of vigorous, galvanising language from the President, who intends to lecture his fellow leaders about the need for clarity and concentration.

A look at Europe's crowded calendar for the rest of the century explains why M Chirac is in so much of a hurry: 1998 is so packed with decisions, selections and elections that it will become either the EU's *annus mirabilis* or *annus horribilis*, and M Chirac and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, are busy trying to work out ways of successfully stage-managing 1998 and 1999.

President Chirac does not want his compatriots still bickering over the rights and wrongs of Maastricht II in the months before the French general election of March 1998. So he will be urging the summit to hurry up.

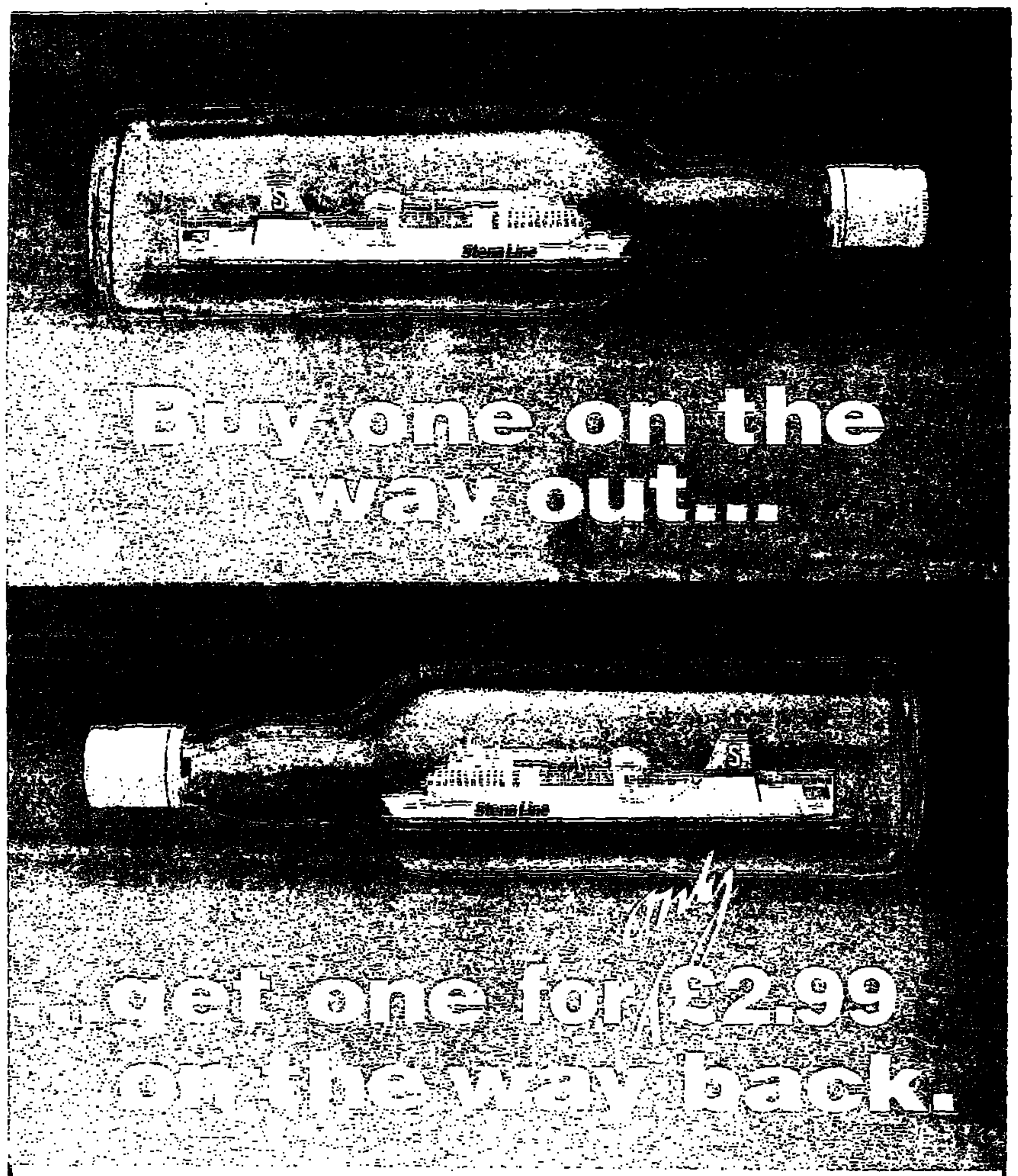
Ever since the architects of European integration have harboured designs on the sensitive political subjects of frontiers, crime, armies and currencies, voters have been dropping spanners in the works and ruining carefully-crafted timetables. The comprehensive reorganisation of political Europe will be punctuated by elections. M Chirac is upset because most of his European partners want to delay the end of the treaty conference until at least next June, in the hope that a Labour government in Britain will be more accommodating than John Major. Herr Kohl, holding a steady and commanding poll lead in Germany, works hard to ensure that his opponents find no electoral opportunity to exploit the fears which ordinary Germans have about the single currency.

As the timetable stands now, Germany's federal election falls between the EU summit (sometime in the spring of 1998) which will choose the members of the single currency and January 1, 1999, the date for the launch of monetary union. The summit in the spring of 1998 will be chaired by the British Prime Minister. That prospect has helped to persuade the German Cabinet to consider a six-month delay for the start of EMU. The critical summit would then be chaired by Austria, more sympathetic to Germany.

Enlarging the EU depends on its existing members agreeing revolutionary change to the subsidy regimes for regional aid and the common agricultural policy. The EU has no history of making such huge changes rapidly.

Enlarging Nato depends on all 16 parliaments in the present allied countries ratifying a new Nato treaty — and on Russia agreeing to tolerate an American-led alliance creeping eastward.

The target date for the entry of the first lucky few Central European states to squeeze inside is April 4, 1999 — exactly half a century after Nato's founding treaty came into force. That is an attractive incentive to a leading country such as Poland. But for countries such as Bulgaria, Romania and the Baltic republics, the wait will be much longer.



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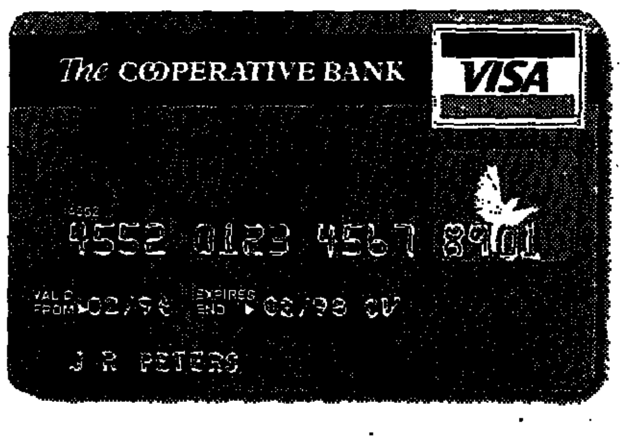

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Maoris in £77m land deal

Wellington: New Zealand announced a £77.4 million settlement in land and cash with a South Island Maori tribe over claims dating back 150 years, but denied the deal, made eight days before a general election, was politically motivated.

Doug Graham, the Treaty Negotiations Minister, said the Government had agreed in principle with the Ngai Tahu to settle the tribe's claim to large tracts of the South Island after negotiating for more than five years. *(Reuter)*

Greek party re-elects Evert

Athens: Militiades Evert, 56, who resigned after losing last month's general election, has beenre-elected leader of Greece's conservative opposition party, New Democracy, by 104 votes to 84, defeating a challenge from the left wing (John Carr writes). However, the leadership is set to be an issue at the party's spring convention.

Ozone hole growing

Geneva: The hole in the ozone layer that forms over the Antarctic in the Southern Hemisphere's spring is already 7.7 million square miles, twice the size of Europe, a UN agency, the World Meteorological Organisation, said. It would know next week if the depletion level exceeds last year's record. *(Reuter)*

Actor's speech upsets judges

Ankara: A Turkish actor, Mahir Gunsiray, faces up to three years in jail for reciting a passage from Franz Kafka's novel *The Trial* to judges trying him for deliberately flouting freedom of expression laws, the actor said. He is accused of insulting the bench. *(Reuter)*

Love-sick Cairo doctors held

Cairo: A male doctor and a woman doctor, caught making love in a Cairo hospital by a male nurse, tried to blind him so he could not denounce them, *al-Akhbar* newspaper reported. The couple, who have been arrested, rubbed alcohol into his eyes. *(AFP)*

Iceland faces deluge as volcano melts vast glacier

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor, and Jonathan Grove in Vatnajokull, Iceland

ICELAND braced itself yesterday for severe flooding as a volcano erupting under Europe's largest glacier melted huge quantities of ice, raising levels in lakes beneath it to the highest levels this century.

Engineers cut the main southern road, carving trenches across the road to divert the expected floodwaters away from bridges, and throwing up embankments to break the first shock of the deluge.

The erupting volcano, Bardhabunga, lies under nearly 2,000ft of ice that make up Europe's largest icecap, Vatnajokull. This vast area of ice covers almost a tenth of Iceland's surface.

The volcano had been showing ominous signs of activity for days, with mild earthquakes indicating that something was going on beneath the ice. By Tuesday the ice around the main crater of Bardhabunga had subsided, leaving a massive depression.

Along the line of a rift running southeast towards another volcano, Grimsvotn, huge crevasses had opened up. The Grimsvotn volcano exploded in 1783 with such devastating results that the total abandonment of the island was discussed. Flights over the icecap on Wednesday showed that the subsidence bowl had increased in size and depth, with three new depressions forming, indicating intense melting at the base of the glacier along a fissure three miles long. Ice over Grimsvotn also started to rise, as melted water flowing into its crater increased the pressure and lifted the overlying ice.

By Thursday morning, the eruption had broken through the ice. To the sound of rhythmic explosions, ash rose 1,500ft into the air and black clouds reached 26,000ft, making visibility so poor that observations could only be made for a few minutes at a time. Ash was scattered over a 60-mile area, and flights to the north of Iceland were banned. No injuries were reported, but farmers were warned to keep sheep indoors.

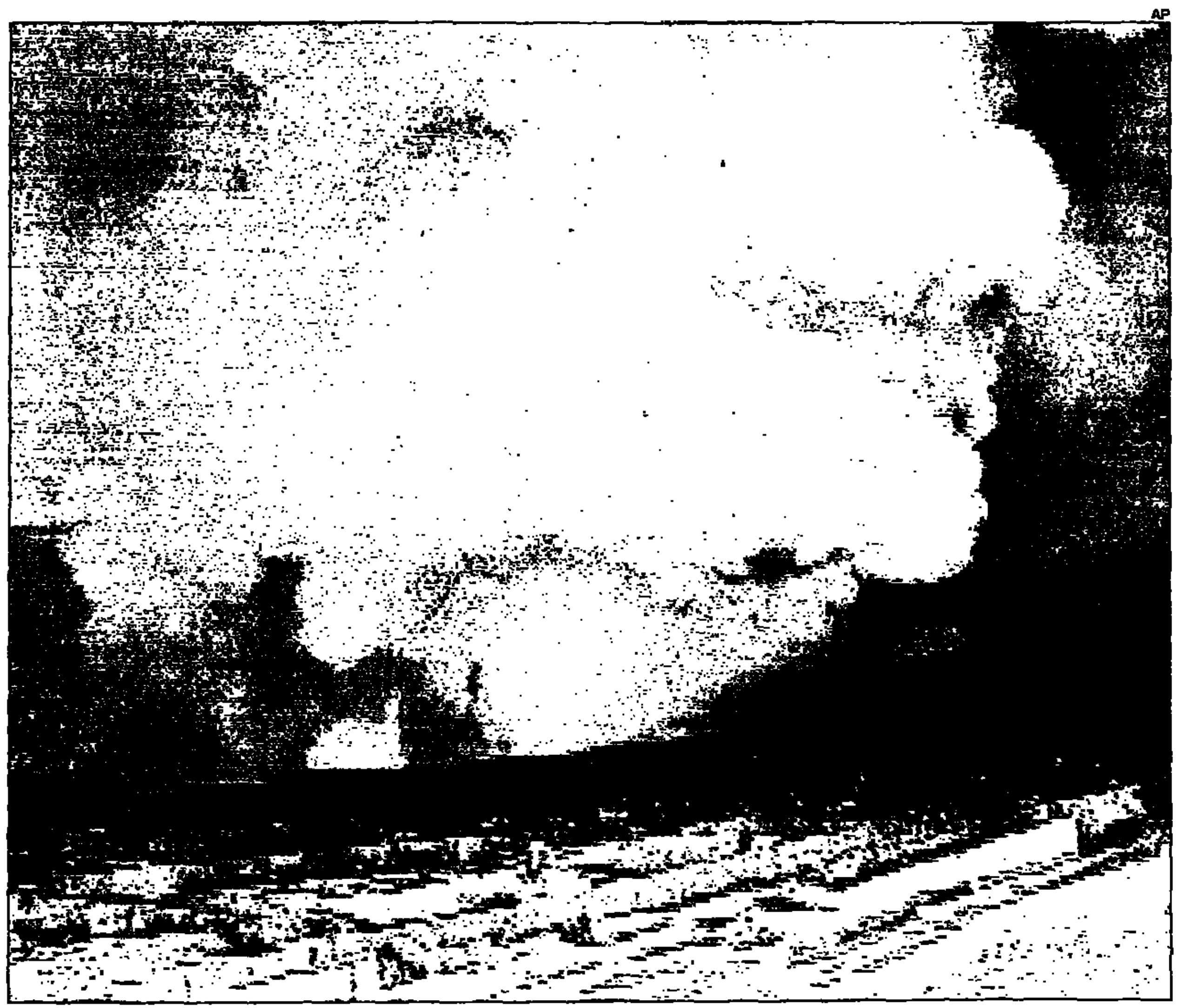
Magnus Gudmundsson, a physicist at the University of Iceland, said that the main danger was that floodwaters under the ice would move south.

To the north there is a canyon, Jokulsa'a'Fjollum, which would swallow up the water relatively harmlessly. But the more likely route is to the south, which would cause all the rivers flowing from the west and the south of the ice sheet to overflow.

The probable result of that would be to wash out the main road in the south, possibly even including the modern bridge across the Skeidhara River. This is why the engineers were yesterday cutting through the road to prepare flood channels, in the hope of sparing the bridges.

Fortunately there is a vast subglacial lake at Grimsvotn, kept permanently unfrozen because of heat rising from the Earth's crust. This lake fills up over a five to ten-year cycle before emptying, and since it did this last year, the water levels has been relatively low recently. But by yesterday the level had already risen by more than 60ft, and another 120ft or so would trigger a flood. The estimate is that more than a million gallons of water might flood down the rivers south of Grimsvotn.

There are no towns in the area, but many farms could be threatened as well as roads and bridges.



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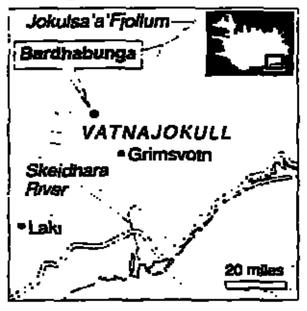
Billowing clouds of steam, gas and ash rise high into the Icelandic sky as the *Bardhabunga* volcano erupts



Six senior generals dismissed by Yeltsin

From Agence France-Presse in Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday dismissed six top Defence Ministry generals as the Government and military chiefs outlined plans for far-reaching reform of the impoverished armed forces.

Yevgeni Podkolzin, commander of the paratroops, and Vladimir Ivanov, the rocket forces chief, were among those sacked, Interfax news agency reported. The others were Vladimir Zhurbenko, the First Deputy Head of the General Staff, and three heads of ministry directorates — Vladimir Vysotsky, the personnel and instruction chief, Nikolai Kotylev, the accommodation chief, and Vladimir Nikitin, the legal service chief.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, chaired the first meeting of the Russian Defence Council, a high-level consultative body set up to supervise reform of the armed forces. Participants called for restructuring of the military to counteract a serious shortage of funds.

President Yeltsin has called for the creation of a professional army by 2000, but Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister, believes 2005 is a more realistic deadline.

Mr Rodionov said army chiefs were looking into cuts of up to 300,000 servicemen by the end of next year.

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Tokyo tries to calm islands row

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

JAPANESE extreme-right-wingers angrily condemned the Government yesterday for refusing to recognise as an official navigational signal the lighthouse they built on islands at the centre of a territorial row involving Japan, China and Taiwan.

The lighthouse on one of the Japanese-controlled Senkaku Islands — called Diaoyu by the Chinese — in the East China Sea touched off anti-Japanese protests in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Japan rejected the request for official recognition of the structure by the Japanese Youth Federation after a Cabinet meeting, for the sake of "international relations and national security".

The federation yesterday vowed to occupy Uotsuri, one of the islands, and build a permanent structure to house six members.

Divorce for Princess Stephanie

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

PRINCESS Stephanie of Monaco was granted a divorce from her husband, Daniel Ducruet, yesterday, a month after he was photographed cavorting with a Belgian strip-tease dancer.

The younger daughter of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace of Monaco filed to divorce M Ducruet, her former bodyguard, after Italian and Spanish magazines published graphic photographs of him with Fily Houteman, winner of the "Miss Topless Belgium" title, at a poolside in the south of France.

Princess Stephanie began divorce proceedings on September 16 after a final reconciliation effort with her husband failed. Princess Stephanie and M Ducruet, a former fishmonger, were married on July 1 last year. The couple have two children, Louis, four, and Pauline, two.

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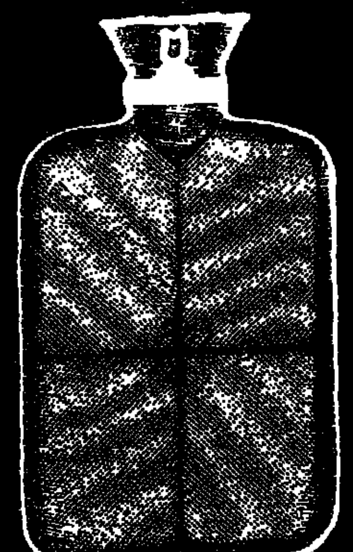

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Surgeon who saved Pope's life after assassination attempt prepares for appendix operation

Keyhole star of heaven's gate

VATICAN FILE
by RICHARD OWEN

WHEN the Pope enters hospital tomorrow for his sixth operation in his 18 years as pontiff, he will be in experienced hands. Professor Francesco Crucitti, the surgeon wielding the scalpel, has operated on the Pope three times before.

With the pontiff older and more frail, there is a lingering mystery over what is really wrong with him. In May 1981, Professor Crucitti, who heads the Institute for Clinical Surgery at the Catholic University Polyclinic, performed a six-hour operation which saved the Pope's life after the assassination attempt by a Turkish gunman in St Peter's Square. Three months later he had to operate again when the pontiff developed an infection.

In July 1992, Professor Crucitti removed a tumour from the Pope's colon. He admitted the tumour was "on the verge of becoming malignant". Some Vatican sources believe the pontiff's present troubles can be traced to the attempt on his life, when he was shot in the abdomen, and the subsequent complications.

This time the Pope, 76, is undergoing an appendectomy. Last month the Vatican admitted, after months of obfuscation, that his repeated bouts of illness since last Christmas were the result of "chronic inflammation of the appendix".

This was greeted with scepticism, and many suspect that Professor Crucitti, a specialist in laparoscopy, or keyhole surgery, may take the opportunity to see if the Pope is suffering from something worse, such as the recurrence of a "near-malignant" growth. Asked why Professor Crucitti and other Vatican doctors had maintained for so long that the Pope's illness was due to "influenza with digestive fevers", he replied candidly: "If I had said it was something that needed surgical treatment, I would have caused uproar. We managed to tame the inflammation with drugs, but now I have to operate."

Professor Crucitti said the trembling in the Pope's hand, attributed by some to Parkinson's disease, was neurological — "which is beyond my competence". The Pope's general condition was good, he said, but would be better if the pontiff did not insist on a punishing travel schedule.

The professor's aim is to have the Pope back on his feet for the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination on November 1. A special eight-room papal suite has been prepared on the tenth floor of the Gemelli hospital in Rome, with a private lift, and bullet-proof windows and doors. The suite includes a Lady chapel, a kitchen, and accommodation for the Pope's entourage and medical team, including his personal doctor, Renato Buzzonetti.

Professor Crucitti has made sure that the Pope's bed will have a view of the dome of St Peter's. But the pontiff's favourite nurse, Sister Ausilia, died of cancer this summer, and will be replaced by Sister Franca, another nun from the same order and a regular member of the professor's nursing team.

Lining up bones of contention

VATICAN millennium preparations have earthly as well as spiritual goals, with plans to construct an underground railway running beneath the Tiber to link St Peter's with the Colosseum and the heart of Rome. British firms involved in the Channel Tunnel construction are said to be ready to help Italian engineers to overcome the obstacles. The tunnel route passes so many archaeological sites that engineers have to call a halt each time a bore hole reveals another ancient cemetery or building. "The Tiber is turning red with the blood of bureaucratic battles," L'Espresso *said.*

AFP

Professor Francesco Crucitti, who will operate on the pontiff

Doorstep call to faith for 'pagan' city

ONE of the Pope's last acts before entering hospital was to endorse a campaign by Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the Vicar of Rome and head of the Italian Bishops' Conference, to bring Christian belief back to an increasingly pagan Italian capital.

With the millennium on the horizon, Mgr Ruini wants to reinvigorate faith in the city, which is expecting 40 million pilgrims from around the world for 2000.

Cardinal Ruini's aim is "to halt the inexorable advance of de-Christianisation in the Pope's own diocese," *La Repubblica* said. Only 23 per cent of Rome's population of nearly three million regularly attend Mass on Sunday and a mere 12 per cent say that they go to confession once a month. Seventy per cent of Romans say that they are in favour of divorce, premarital sex, birth control and abortion.

The cardinal says that even though Rome "is wrapped in the history of Christianity", it is not immune from the "worldwide phenomenon" of loss of religious values. He plans to distribute a million free copies of St Mark's Gospel to families in Rome over the next three years, and to hold public debates at which leading cardinals will answer questions. Each Rome parish is being asked to form "patrols" of 20 to 30 missionaries "to carry the word of God from door to door".

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Nun keeps secret of Fátima for 79 years

By Tunku Varadarajan

THE sole survivor of three Portuguese shepherd children who claimed in 1917 to have seen a vision of the Virgin Mary at Fátima — now one of the most important centres of pilgrimage in the Roman Catholic world — has just completed 50 years of monastic life at a Carmelite convent in Coimbra.

Sister Lucia, now nearly 90, was tending her family's sheep 79 years ago when, according to her testimony, "a Lady brighter than the sun" appeared before her and two young cousins. The children were to see the vision six times in all.

The affair was deeply controversial at the time, with the anti-clerical Republican Government accusing the Church of "fabricating a miracle" to boost its influence. The children were arrested and put under pressure to admit to a hoax, but they stood fast under interrogation and were subsequently released, after which they said they saw the Virgin was the last time. Up to 70,000 people converged on Fátima that day — October 13, 1917 — although only the three children saw her.

On that occasion, 10-year-old Lucía was entrusted by the Virgin with three prophecies, which came to be referred to as the "secrets of Fátima". The first two, which predicted the Bolshevik Revolution ("Russia will spread her errors through the world, causing wars and persecution against the Church") and the Second World War, have always been known. The third is still a secret, and often the subject of fearful speculation among the faithful.

The two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, died of influenza shortly after the vision. Lucia, deeply affected by her spiritual experience and the death of her cousins, was drawn to the Church, completing her novitiate in 1926. After spending a few years of study in Spain, she joined the Sardao convent in Portugal, where she remained until 1946, the year that she entered the ascetic Carmelite order.

In 1957, Sister Lucia wrote down the contents of the "third secret", entrusting the envelope to Pope Pius XII. On her instructions, the contents must not be revealed until after her death. In 1981, a former Trappist monk hijacked an Aer Lingus jet and threatened to blow it up if the Pope did not immediately reveal the "third prophecy". The hijacker, however, was subdued, and the secret remained safe.

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Welcome to 'the people's priorities'

WEEK
IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

For months the dread word "lottery" has not crossed these few centimetres that I call home. I have surprised even myself with my Trappist abstinence. But frankly, what's the point of banging on? Those with the power to institute change clearly prefer to sit tight in their *little quangos*, rather than face the mess outside.

Consider the great flaw in *lottery funding*: the bizarre rule that allowed the lottery to bankroll gleaming new culture palaces but *prevented* it *from* saving good performing companies from going bust. Readers may recall that this flaw was pointed out, *here and* elsewhere, years ago. If Lord Gowrie, the Arts Council's chairman, disputes this, let him despatch his chauffeur to inspect the annals of *The Times* (although, knowing the Arts Council, I expect it has an entire department devoted to annals inspection).

But the Arts Council did nothing when the lottery rules were being drawn up. The reason? Pure greed. It wanted its cake and its icing too. It expected the Treasury "honourably" to maintain the arts subsidy even when vast sums were flowing from the lottery.

Unbelievably naive? Those are not words that spring to mind about Gowrie. But I fear that m'lud was a trifle vain. When he took up the Arts Council job, replacing the incurably inert Lord Palumbo, he really did believe that, as a former Tory minister, he *could pull strings. The Treasury* might be persuaded to increase the grant, he told me at the time, because the *arts subsidy* was *too* small to have a "macro-economic implication". I didn't have a clue what he meant, but it sounded jolly convincing.

Alas, he has been betrayed by his old buddies. *Macro-betrayed*. The subsidy has been cut, viciously. And the Treasury has pointed out, as everybody (except the Arts Council) knew it would, that the lottery has more than doubled the amount the Arts Council has to play with, so what's the problem? The problem, of course, is that the Arts Council is stymied by the daft rules it helped to formulate.

Its response to this crisis? It arrived in two parts, both useless. First came last month's "stabilisation fund". This does indeed change the rules to allow lottery *funds to prop up arts* organisations in dire straits. But it is so tiny in scope as to be pointless.

Second came Lord Gowrie's hopelessly belated verbal attack on the Government this week, accompanying an Arts Council annual report that offers more of the same. For a man who told *The Times* in May 1994 that the arts world was full of "subsidy junkies", Gowrie is curiously indignant now about the "£17 million in real terms" that has been lopped off the Arts Council budget in the intervening years.

Rather than offering the Treasury lessons in "macro-economic implications", however, he now argues on an altogether more spiritual plane. "Only perhaps the Sovereign carries as much moral weight beyond these shores as our artists," he tells us.

I have read this extraordinary sentence many times, and still have no idea what it means. How much "moral weight" does Liam Gallagher carry beyond these shores? And if luvvies get more handouts from the taxpayers, does this give them more "moral weight", or less?

The Arts Council report also *recruits Sir Cameron* Mackintosh to write an article titled *No public subsidy, no West End*. In other words, *undermine* the subsidised theatres that nurture talent, and you jeopardise a hugely successful industry.

That's a more promising line of argument. The weakness in it is that if the arts are so damn successful, why do they need subsidy? Well, you and I and Lord Gowrie know the answer to that. But to the averagely dense Tory or Labour MP the subtle reasoning is not so easy to follow.

Besides, whatever goodwill there was in political circles towards the arts largely evaporated after those huge lottery handouts. That was ominously clear from Tony Blair's speech this week, when the PM-in-waiting questioned whether the lottery money had, in fact, all gone to good causes. "We want to fund specific environment, education and public health priorities through *the proceeds of the lottery*," he said. "I want the people's money to go on the people's priorities."

Gosh, if I were an arts administrator that *sentence* would scare me stiff. The *people's* priorities? Whatever that airy tosh means, I fear that opera-house extensions don't feature highly. The message is: "The bonanza is over, chaps — and if you have squandered it, tough luck."

It's good to hear *something* from Labour on the subject of culture. Stephen Dorrell's invisible-man act when he was Heritage Secretary seems, in retrospect, like a whirlwind of innovation when compared with Jack Cunningham's performance so far as Shadow Heritage Secretary.

But the grim truth is that Labour will probably not reverse the arts subsidy cuts. What's more, *it will divert* lottery money away from the arts as well. No wonder Gowrie is desperate. It's hard to imagine this patrician aesthete leading the Arts Council into an era where "the people's priorities" come first. *Is there some university* that offers crash courses in *Baywatch*, Benidorm and takeaway biryanis? Probably. If so, could it find a place for a bemused peer of the realm?

Three men and a lady

June Ducas talks to French writer Yasmina Reza as her play *Art* arrives in London with a star cast

Yasmina Reza's play *Art* was a *succés fou* in Paris, running for an unprecedented 18 months and picking up two Molière awards. Some 30 productions are currently playing on the Continent. Yet she is nervous about British audience reactions when it opens in the West End in two weeks' time because, she says, "the English are such an idiosyncratic race".

We meet at a hotel in St Germain, around the corner from where 37-year-old Reza lives with film director Didier Martiny and their two young children. Dressed in skintight suede trousers and modish curvy black jacket, Reza is not your stereotypical writer, aloof from the vagaries of fashion trends. "I love clothes," she says. "When I was photographed by English and German *Vogue*, it amused me to play the glamour card. After all, *real life* is part *frivolous and* part serious, full of contradictions. A person can think about laxatives at the same time as listening to Schoenberg."

This is the kind of ambiguity that informs her writing. Matthew Warchus, who is directing *Art* here, compares her to Samuel Beckett in that she takes a simple idea and uses it as a vehicle to say something profound — camouflaging it under the cover of comedy. "Yasmina turns a shrewd eye on the human condition," he says.

Translated by Christopher Hampton, *Art* is fiercely funny about three men, Serge (Tom Courtenay), Marc (Albert Finney) and Yvan (Ken Stott), who have been the best of buddies for 15 years. When Serge buys a modern painting, a blank white canvas — arguably with tinges of grey lines — for £20,000, he throws their friendship into disarray, unleashing intense and hitherto unexpressed sentiments.

Apprehensive she may be, but Reza is not overawed by the starry cast. She says that if she had not considered them suitable, she would have vetoed them from the start. And having watched the initial rehearsals, she is impressed with their interpretation of the roles.

Art is Reza's third play, and took shape after two leading French actors asked her to write a piece for them. "I *couldn't think* of a subject," she says. "Then one day a friend of mine bought a Martin Barré, a contemporary *artist whose* pictures hang in the Pompidou and who is well-known in arty circles here. *I thought that the price of* Fr200,000 was ridiculous. But the concept fired my imagination."

How does she manage to capture the psyche of three distinct males? "Men are mysterious creatures," she says. "It fascinated me to write about them and to try to understand what makes them tick. Although I hate to generalise, men *take* themselves more seriously than women — possibly a sign of immaturity. Unlike a woman, it is acceptable for men to swear, to be coarse or insult each other. Their vocabulary and manner of speaking are quite different from ours."

> ‘Men take themselves more seriously than women’

She admits, however, that the characters portray some of her own personal traits. "I develop many of my own thoughts through Marc, and I suppose I am highly strung like Serge."

Could the play be performed by three women? "Impossible. *Women are more curious*, inquisitive beings. After years of camaraderie, they would be completely *au fait with each other's* foibles."

Reza's background is exotic. Her *late father, a Jew whose roots* were Iranian, was born in Moscow but brought up in France. Her mother, a *violinist*, is *Hungarian*. "My grandparents and most of my relations are scattered all over the world," Reza explains. "Growing up, it gave me a broader perspective than my peers, and I often write about foreigners. We are a close-knit family. At home, our humour has always been intrinsically Jewish. Jews are able to mock themselves. It's the sort of wit that crosses all boundaries."

Perhaps this explains why *Art* has touched a universal nerve. Translated into 15 languages, it has already been seen in Sweden, Norway, Holland, Israel and Germany; it is scheduled to go in 1997 to Canada, Russia, Spain and Italy. If all goes well in London, the next stop is New York.

Reza studied drama at the University of Nanterre and later went to the Jacques Lecoq school of acting, but quickly realised that acting did not suit her temperament. "Actors are slaves to the whims of other folk," she says. "I find that intolerable."

Prone to depression, Reza seeks *solitude* — reading, playing classical music and the piano. Her views on success are ambivalent — it both thrills and disturbs her. "Of course, it is wonderful to be praised and fêted," she says. "But you expect, in *the middle of all the glory, to* be over the moon with joy. My great flaw is that I am unable to be happy *in the present. In retrospect* everything is marvellous, and I have hope but no expectations — and *there is a difference — for* the future. But today is an illusion."

● Art *is in preview at Wyndham's Theatre from tonight and opens on October 15 (0171-369 1736)*

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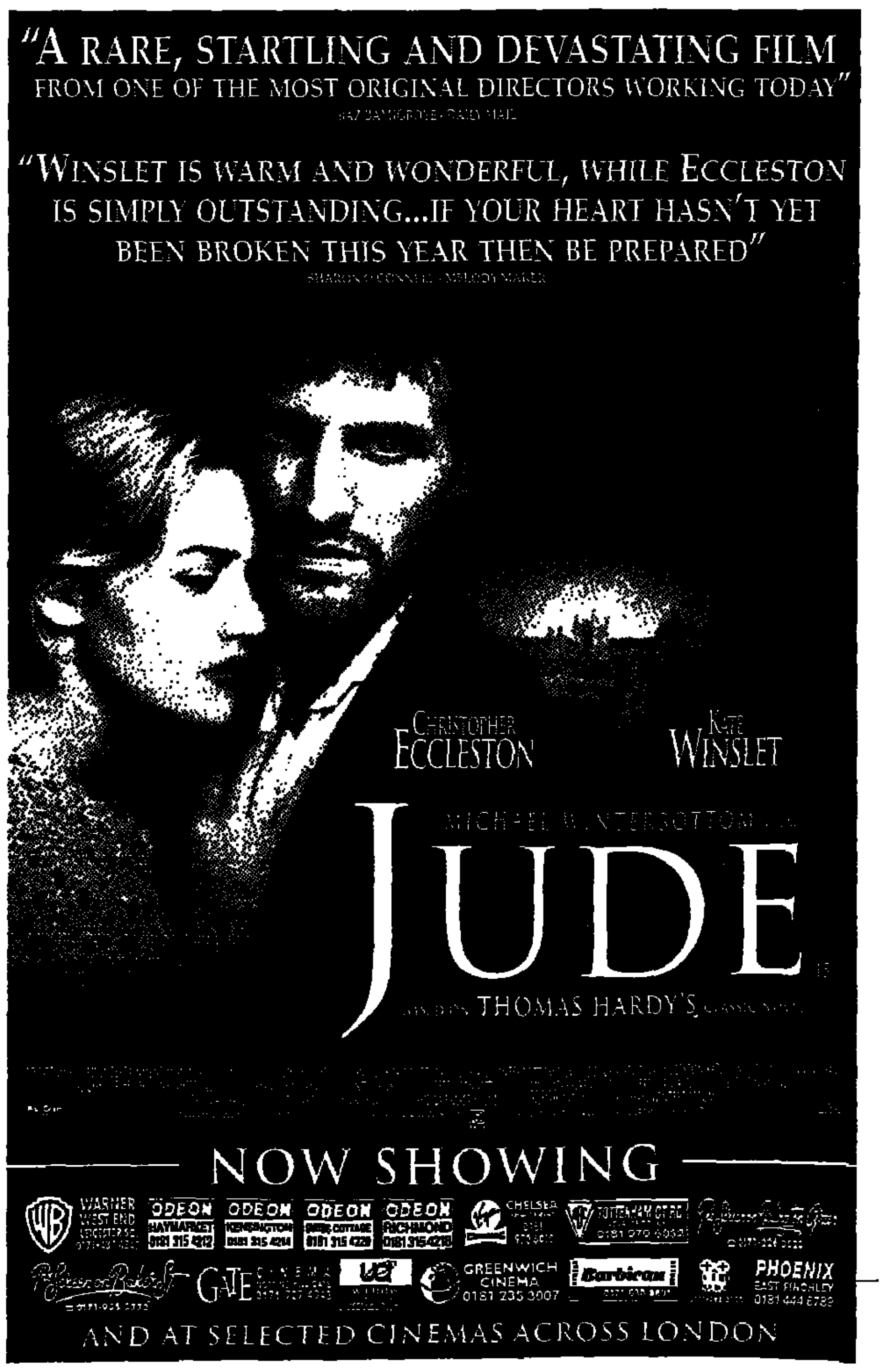

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Rising stars in the arts firmament

MARTIN McDONAGH

Age: 26.

Profession: Playwright.

Forthcoming: At the end of November, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* returns from a tour of Ireland to the West End — the Theatre *Downstairs*, St Martin's Lane. In mid-December, *The Cripple of Innish Moor* starts at the Cottesloe.

How prolific is he? McDonagh has seven plays in stock. "They're all pretty good," he says. He has also written 22 radio plays, all rejected by the BBC. "I once had six turned down in one day. I would never accept any offer from BBC Radio now."

Doesn't that sound arrogant? Up to a point, but then he is the winner of the 1996 George Devine Award for Most Promising Playwright. *Beauty Queen* was ecstatically received in the spring, "hilariously funny" and "wickedly enjoyable" being typical notices. "I don't mind being called arrogant," he says. "All I want to do is to prove myself in the same way as Orson Welles or Muhammad Ali."

Any theatrical heroes? "I think I've been to the theatre about 15 times in my life. I quite like some early Pinter stuff, but I admire film-makers such as Scorsese, Leone and Keaton. My aim is to get as much John Woo into the theatre as possible."

So does cinema beckon? "I'd be happy to stay in Britain and make a film like *Trainspotting*, or follow an independent Hollywood route."

How does he work? "I write very quickly and I'm very much a first draft man. I try to bring a 100 per cent perfect script to the first rehearsal, but I suppose it can be around 90 to 95 per cent. I never really wanted to work, and I certainly don't call this work. I was unemployed for a long time with the odd spell in an office and a supermarket. Cash doesn't seduce me at all."

GUY WALTERS

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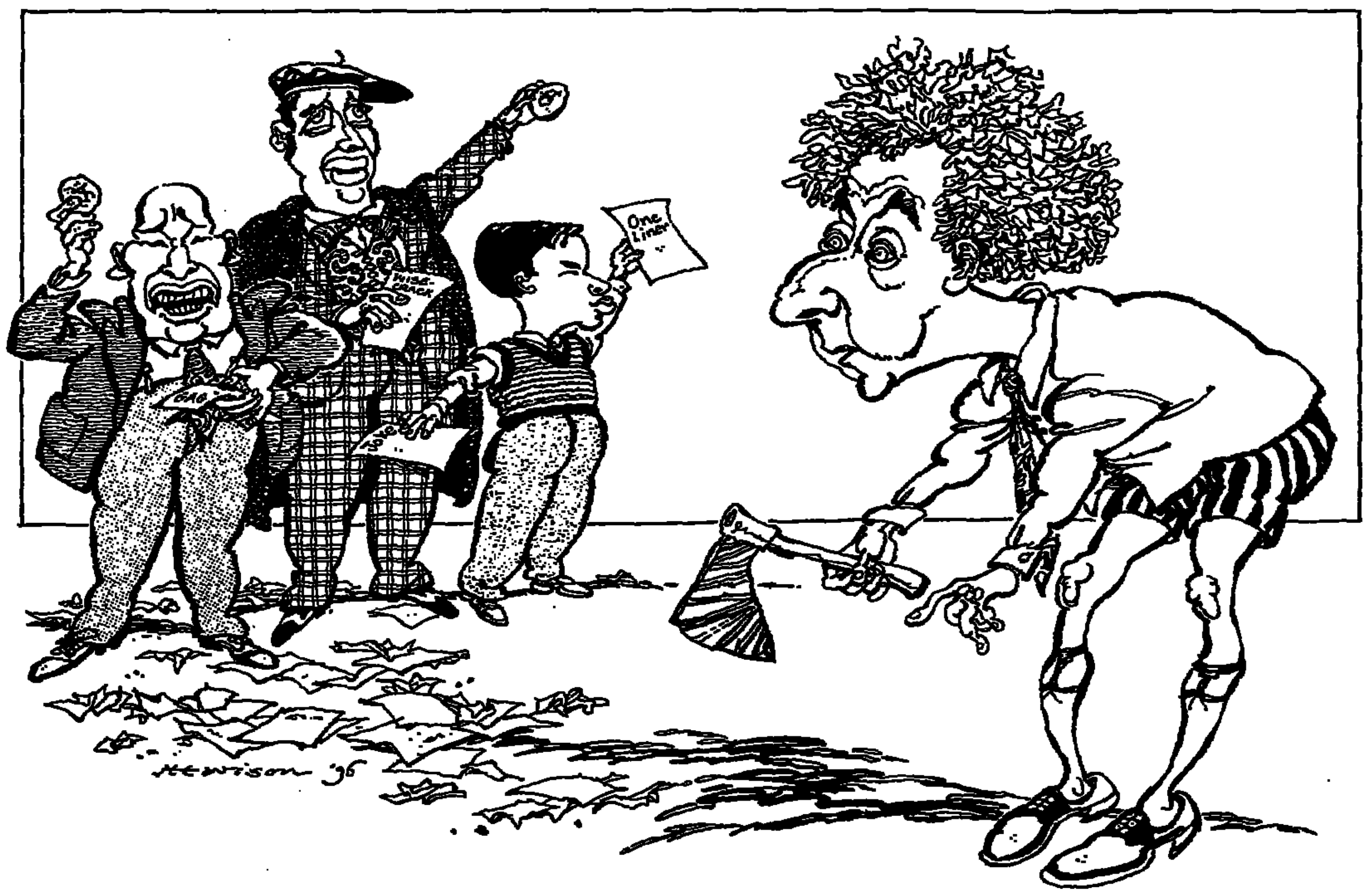

"Using jokes as everything from evasion to aggression to cocky self-display": (from left) Linal Haft, Rolf Saxon, Toby Whitehouse, Gene Wilder

THEATRE

Laughter on the 23rd Floor
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Until now Neil Simon has enjoyed about as much success in London as our own Alan Ayckbourn has enjoyed in New York — considerably less than his theatrical skills and popularity back home suggest that he merits. But could *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* be the play to transform Simon's British fortunes, coming as it does with a lovely, lugubrious performance from Gene Wilder as the TV comic at its centre?

One accusation against Simon has been that a wry, rueful and very American sort of sentimentality mars his work. Well, *Laughter* does get slightly mawkish at the end, but elsewhere it is as brashly funny as anything he has written. Another accusation is that he is overdependent on smart one-liners and put-downs. But *Laughter* involves a bunch of feisty, wrangling scriptwriters who use jokes as everything from evasion to aggression to cocky self-display. So quip becomes character and repartee is dramatic action.

Like Simon's recent *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Broadway Bound*, the comedy is semi-autobiographical. Back in the early 1950s he actually toiled alongside Mel Brooks, Woody Allen and others composing TV sketches for Sid Caesar's *Your Show of Shows*. At the Queen's, Simon himself is transformed into Toby Whithouse's bashful young Lucas Brickman, and the great comedian has become Wilder's Max Prince: an ochre-faced sad sack exuding baffled, beleaguered and highly entertaining gloom.

Offstage, all is dreary, dire or both. Joe McCarthy denounces General Marshall, the Rosenbergs are electrocuted, and blacklisting has hit Hollywood. Moreover, TV apparatchiks are in the process of trimming and emasculating a Prince show they think too sophisticated for Iowa and Nebraska. That gives the febrile atmosphere usual on the 23rd floor — shoes flung from windows, crazy graffiti scrawled on walls, obscene calls to St Patrick's Cathedral — its cause and its meaning. Humour for these jokesmiths is bravado and resilience: a frenzied challenge to a grim, forbidding world.

The play itself intermittently veers off in odd, idiosyncratic directions. One scene involves the team's stony resistance to Linal Haft's Ira, a dedicated hypochondriac who staggers in clutching his chest and extravagantly moaning for the medicos. Another exploits Prince's deep psychological terror of white suits by forcing Rolf Saxon's nattily dressed Milt into elaborate concealments and camouflages. Funny though they are, both episodes need more pizzazz than Roger Haines's production gave them on a sometimes nervous first night.

Never mind. The main emphasis is Max's losing war with TV executives who "wear black socks up to their necks and dance with their wives and put up wallpaper in their garages". That requires Wilder to seethe, bluster, put his fist through the wall, and gradually evolve from incoherent paranoia to stunned dismay.

There are faults with his performance. He lacks the anger and the strength that an underling attributes to him. But you should hear him emitting mad military threats against the TV moguls or watch him falling asleep on his feet, victim of a blend of tranquillisers, booze and exhaustion. Like me, you will probably laugh a lot.

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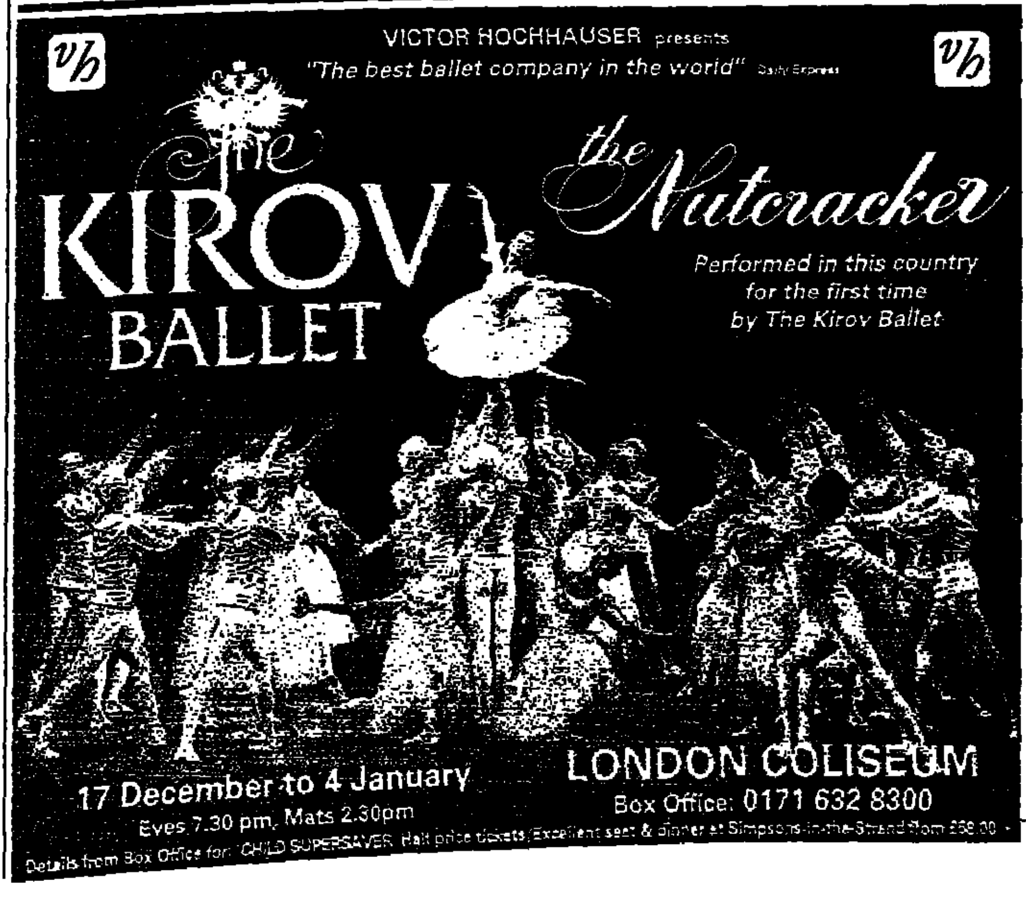

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Decline and fall of the publisher

The City has fallen out of love with publishing, says **Michael Sissons**

As British publishers leave the Frankfurt Book Fair this week, they return to an industry in deep trouble. Publishing has been a flagship business for 100 years, at the centre of our social, political and cultural life, a shining example of success abroad. Educational, scientific and reference publishing remain strong and profitable. But the conglomerates have now swallowed many leading trade publishers. This has been neither a happy nor a successful experience. It is a demoralised industry, which has lost its way.

The halcyon days of general publishing were from 1930 to 1960. Perhaps the best account of that period was Fred Warburg's autobiography, *Occupation for a Gentleman*. This title froze in popular perception the image of a refuge for the more languid products of Oxbridge. Yet the founders of the great imprints of that period, Allen Lane at Penguin, Jonathan Cape, Hamish Hamilton, Michael Joseph, George Weidenfeld, Warburg himself, were hardly gentlemanly in their business dealings. Penguin pioneered paperback publishing but the most successful was Billy Collins. He invented modern techniques of selling and promoting books into every corner of the English-speaking world. Collins was formidably efficient and profitable.

Throughout the Sixties, publishing remained powerful and influential. But publishing failed to weave its fortunes into the emerging power of investigative journalism and television. By the 1980s, the dominant position of British publishing worldwide had been eroded. American publishers were active in world markets. Countries such as Australia and Canada had developed indigenous publishing. The book, as a unique vehicle for entertainment, education and information seemed threatened by new media. A communications revolution, driven by new technology, heralded an electronic future which would change all assumptions about the delivery and the reception of the word.

But the markets for the first time focused on general publishing, as financial analysts awoke to the media sector, about which the City had been notably ignorant. They correctly forecast the prospects of commercial growth from the media explosion. They correctly perceived a great shortage of media stock. It was not easy to buy into either television or newspapers. They saw rich pckings in publishing. At the end of the 1980s, extraordinary prices were paid for British publishers, and the face of the industry was transformed. Yet a further assumption made by the City has been flawed. If you turned an occupation for gentlemen into a modern business, it was thought, with costs cut to the bone and modern sales promotion and marketing welded onto existing creative strengths, a highly profitable future beckoned. A hundred or so general publishing firms shrank to under ten major publishing groups. HarperCollins, Random House, Reed, Hodder Headline, Macmillan, Penguin and Bantam Corgi dominate the premier league. The smaller houses of the penumbra seem fated to become the feeders, the providers of talent for the big battalions.

The management of this volcanic transition has been pretty disastrous. The profit which consumer publishing generates rarely satisfies the expectations of public companies for short-term return. A third of the workforce disappeared and has not returned. These draconian policies have had a catastrophic effect, in the devaluation of the editorial function and the collapse of morale in an industry which is nothing if it ceases to be creative.

Finally, much new capital went not into building steady and sustainable growth but in seeking to capture market share by buying ready-made bestsellers at auction. Christopher Gasson, financial analyst at the trade magazine *The Bookseller*, sees in total some £120 million of unearned advances — thus bad debts — sitting in publishers' balance sheets. A chronically undercapitalised business has used up huge new wealth in no time. The importunate demands of agents and authors are readily blamed for this. But while they sucked hard on the cash cow, they didn't breed with it.

Publishing is now run, in the main, by salesmen and accountants rather than publishers. A publisher must be a businessman with an editorial flair, like Billy Collins. He once returned from a sales trip to Africa talking of a dotty English woman who had lionesses as pets, and motivated Collins to produce one of the biggest bestsellers ever. Paul Scherer, of Bantam Corgi, the one major successful general publisher who has bucked the trend, and arguably the wisest, sums it up: "Without exception the conglomerates have been able to instil neither a sense of loyalty to the firm as a whole nor stability and self-confidence within their staff. They have set individuals and departments at each others' throats. The result has been disastrous."

> Publishing needs more than a few bestsellers to survive in the Nineties

The City has fallen out of love with publishing. It has proved difficult to achieve a 10 per cent net return from general books. Public companies and venture capitalists have winced at the cash appetite of publishers. Reed, who paid more than £500 million for its publishing division, was unable to raise £100 million when it put Reed Consumer Books on sale last year. Scherer puts its true value at around £60 million. The sober Boston publisher Houghton Mifflin bought the family firm of Gollancz for £8 million, and sold it just two years later for £2 million. Apart from Bantam Corgi, which has exemplary owners in the German group Bertelsmann, there is little profit to show. There are a handful of publishing houses which are demonstrably well run and well focused, the privately owned Faber & Faber and John Murray, the new firms Fourth Estate and Orion Weidenfeld among them.

Yet the book itself has held its own in an expanding entertainment market, and will continue to do so. English as a *lingua franca* has established itself in the last decade in every field of human activity. We have here a rich resource of creative talent and professionalism at all levels in our language. We need for the future an industry which will reflect and promote that unique natural resource. Publishing doesn't need to be reminded that no job is for ever. But a healthy publishing industry neds continuity, the prudent scattering of seed corn, patience for the long term. It must, above all, respect the editorial function which is its mainspring. It has never subsisted on a diet of bestsellers and never will. We need a new generation of true publishers.

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A failed single currency would be a disaster for Britain as well as Europe, says **John Major**

We must not allow EMU to be fudged

Whether or not to join a single currently, if one comes into being, will be one of the most important economic and political choices to face this country in decades.

The plain truth is that — whether we are in or out — we have a strong interest in shaping the decisions still to be taken. We can only do that if we stay at the table.

This view is shaped by the practical experience of six years as Prime Minister, dealing with the realities of standing up for Britain's interests in Europe. I believe the right course must be to make our choice only when the issues are clear. Our determination to stick to this course is often misrepresented as being simply a balancing act. But it isn't.

There are, of course, perfectly good arguments for and against joining a single currency. But there are many unknowns and uncertainties, all of which could affect our country.

At the most basic level, we cannot yet be sure EMU will go ahead as planned in 1999. We don't yet know who is likely to be in the first wave if and when it goes ahead.

We cannot yet know how much economic convergence will have been achieved. We do not know how strictly the economic criteria will be adhered to. Or whether participants will have achieved the necessary degree of flexibility in their markets to deal, for example, with different levels of structural unemployment.

And we do not know how EMU will work in detail, and what kind of conditions will bind those in it (including such crucial conditions as the regime for controlling each country's budget deficit — the so-called stability pact).

We also need to weigh the effect on the City of being in or out, as one of the major financial centres in the world. A debate is currently under way among the City's financial experts, but there are divided views. And much depends on decisions still to be taken. We need to make sure those decisions protect British interests, whatever course of action we decide on in the end.

We must judge the overall balance of advantage for British business. Here, too, a debate is under way; and there are widely varying views for the moment. And what about other groups, such as farmers? What, for example, will be the implications of the single currency for the operation of the common agricultural policy?

And there are still big questions we need to examine about the relations between those who join a single currency and those who stay out. We want to ensure that these are resolved in a way that does not distort the single market, which is vital to Britain. We need to be sure that the Community budget is kept under tight control. And we need to examine how the Community institutions will function effectively and harmoniously in the changed circumstances. And we need to consider the implications of all these issues for enlargement of the EU.

These issues will have a significant impact on the relative advantage of being in or out. But whatever we decide, whether we are in or out, *they will affect us*.

If EMU goes ahead, with or without us, it's in our interest to ensure that it does so on a basis and timetable that can be sustained. A failed single currency would be a disaster. Our European partners buy 60 per cent of our exports. Our companies are major investors in their economies. If they destabilise their economies and the single market — for example by fudging the criteria for entry — the British economy will suffer as well. We have a strong interest in a thriving European economy. That underlines that whatever the outcome, it is important to maximise our influence over the preparations.

So Britain's voice must be heard in the European discussion of how a single currency would work. We have made a major contribution already. By staying at the centre of the debate we have ensured that the ERM remains voluntary, relations between the ins and the outs are firmly on the agenda, and we are best placed to resist protectionist measures damaging to Britain's interests.

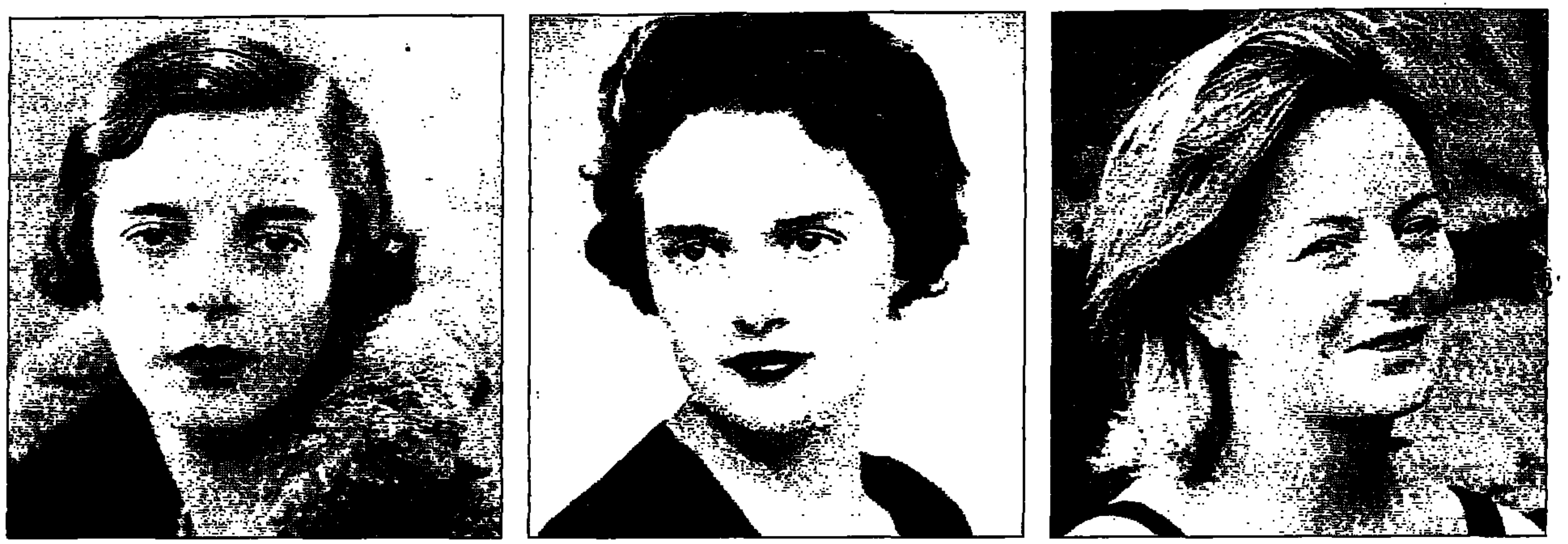
We will continue to do so. That is in Britain's interest. That is what the City and business expect from us. We must remain closely involved in the debate about the future of our largest market and remain free to decide how best to participate in it.

Britain's own interests will dictate which way our decision goes. To rush into a premature decision, to detach ourselves from the debate about Europe's future, would mean we could neither protect effectively nor advance what we saw as the British interest. We must look at the issues dispassionately and come to the right decision for Britain.

And that is what we will do.

If we decide to go ahead in the next Parliament we would consult the British nation in a referendum and accept their verdict. If we think it right to stay out, we will do so.

Portrait of a lady in pearls



Three generations of *Country Life* women: the Hon Anne Wood, 1936; Lady Clarissa Duncombe, 1956, her daughter; and Laura Collin, 1996, Lady Clarissa's daughter

The *Country Life* frontispiece is a great institution — but its classic formula has fallen foul of political correctness

Simon Jenkins

Sometimes we wipe a grubby hand across our eye and surprise it with a tear. *Country Life magazine* is consigning the engagement photograph frontispiece to the spike. Young women are marrying later. They have careers, do not sit for portraits and will not appear dewy-eyed in a glossy magazine, as if contemplating the suttee of an English marriage. The "girl in pearls" has gone the way of the debutante. She has died a natural death. The age has closed her down.

I must declare an interest. At the start of my career I was briefly an editorial assistant on *Country Life*, a post that included editing the frontispiece. I was not permitted to select the girl. That seminal role in the history of British style fell to the Editor, John Adams (or, so we believed, his wife). Each weekend he would carry down to the country a portfolio from the studios of Baron, Lenare, Rosalind Mann and Bassano and Vandyke. There, safe from the smoke and sin of the city, he would choose the girl with the scent of hay in his nostrils and the cry of hounds in the air. Back at the office we gambled heavily on the outcome.

The Editor's wife saw Britain's future security as built on the rock of a good regiment married to a good hospital. In those days the girl was usually a nurse (not a witless debutante as often supposed). She had a head start if she was at Bart's, Guy's or St Thomas' and did not marry a doctor.

My job was to phone the lucky winner, hear her squeal of pleasure, check the regiment's name and wish her every happiness. For a young man alone in London, it was a distracting start to the week. Most of the staff thought the frontispiece sexist, bourgeois and not long for this world. At the time I agreed. It has outlived all our expectations.

One of the most recent girls to receive the call will have been Miss Laura Collin, pictured above, from the September 12 issue. Miss Collin represents the latter-day frontispiece and her marital status is not mentioned. It so happens that both Miss Collin's mother and her grandmother were frontispiece girls, respectively Lady Clarissa Duncombe in 1956 and Lady Anne Wood (later Countess of Feversham) in 1936. We can, therefore, compare similar faces over more than half a century. The comparison shows the change and, dare I say it, decay in this gallery of English portraiture.

The 1930s picture of Anne Wood is superb. The camera is unafraid of her and she of the camera. The hair is simply combed and the eyes look straight at the viewer. Apart from the collar, there is no clutter, just a cool, intimate stare. By the 1950s, Clarissa Duncombe is presented in less striking fashion. She looks away from the camera and is further distanced by a new-look dress and studio halo. The face takes up less of the page and we cannot peer into her eyes to fix the personality.

In the Sixties and Seventies, the frontispiece girls followed the shifting sociology of country society. There were fewer nurses, more secretaries and interior decorators. They married farmers and professional men rather than soldiers. They wore lambswool-with-pearls almost as uniform. But the strength of the picture lay in the face, not the setting. Over time this face softened and narrowed. The make-up became less assertive, the hair more natural. In 1990 colour was introduced, the skin tanned and the mouth began to smile. At some point teeth appeared and have remained ever since.

The magazine has recently struggled to keep the feature alive. Celebrities have refused to judge the "frontispiece of the year" award. Efforts to make the girl more natural and "active" have often been ridiculous. We have had girls with dogs, girls on farms, girls driving cars, girls with men (Good Heavens) and even with children. We have had students, occupational therapists, designers. We have had horses galore. Last month a Miss Hermione Jackson was pictured kissing a horse with her eyes shut — said to be "preparing a yearling for the Newmarket sales before going up to Newcastle University".

The girls have retreated timidly from the camera and the once-dominant face has shrunk into the background. The photographs have become a clutter of context, of clothes, houses, pets, possessions and the paraphernalia of a career. The frontispiece often looks like a fashion picture or country house advertisement. Miss Collin stands in what seems a rhubarb patch. Her hair is casual, her eyes half closed. The picture is fresh and jolly, but it is not a portrait. By moving from face to activity, *Country Life* has done the opposite of update it. The women have been loaded with social and economic symbolism. As for engagement, it is taboo. Political correctness has come to *Country Life*.

Feminists should have cheered the former style. In my view, the old frontispiece rejected both the *Feminine Mystique* of Betty Friedan and *The Beauty Myth* of Naomi Wolf. Ms Wolf may be right that the magazine industry enslaves women with excessive body awareness. (Though she sees women as strangely inert victims of male willpower.) She may protest that the average weight of a *Playboy* girl is 17 per cent below the female average, and that 78 per cent of 18-year-olds are neurotically "dissatisfied with their bodies". *Vogue* may be guilty as charged with inducing anorexia

These accusations could hardly be laid at *Country Life*'s door. True, the subjects were, at least from the 1940s, engaged to be married. One critic saw the frontispiece girl as "a rabbit frozen in the oncoming headlights of matrimony". But she was hardly presented as a sex object or gender stereotype. Nor, as Lord Clark wrote of the nude, was our eye "accustomed to the harmonious simplifications of antiquity", seeing the woman "not as a living organism but as a design".

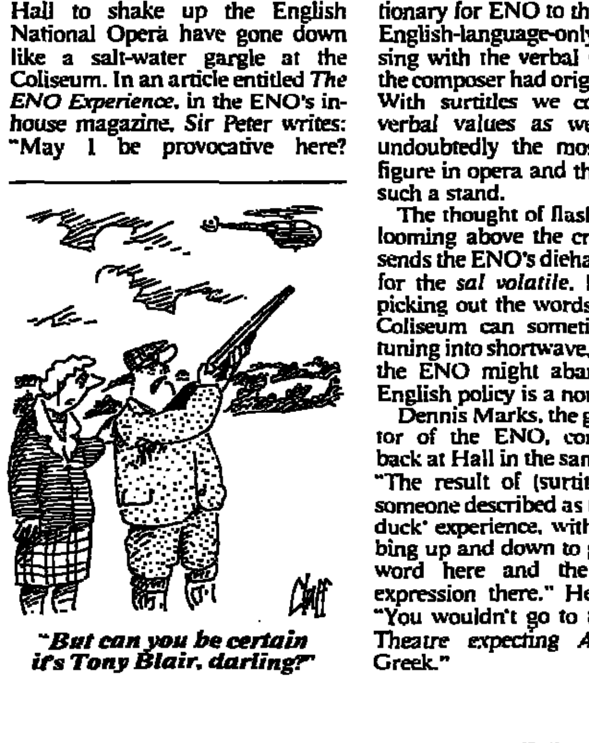
The frontispieces were more in the tradition of Victorian "proposal paintings". These showed the woman at a turning point in her life, her face full of hope and decision, often looking into the distance or directly at the viewer and away from the man. To me, the *Country Life* photograph was, essentially, a generalised portrait. It had nothing to do with sex or beauty or motherhood, but conveyed the changing English character through the medium of a face in close-up.

Country Life has moved towards political correctness and fallen foul of it. In giving its subjects props behind which they can retreat from the camera it has given hostages to fortune. Modern photography can be unforgiving, but the photographer's art is to set the sitter at ease and draw character from her or his physiognomy.

A portraitist does not need to fill the frame with horses, spaniels, roses or farmyards; least of all need he make a political statement. These things tell me nothing of a person's character, only their status. I want the full face again. I want to look into the eyes and wonder at the thoughts. The *Country Life* frontispiece is a hundred years old next year. Another 100 years, please.

Music Hall

RADICAL plans from Sir Peter Hall to shake up the English National Opera have gone down like a salt-water gargle at the Coliseum. In an article entitled *The ENO Experience*, in the ENO's in-house magazine, Sir Peter writes: "May I be provocative here? Wouldn't it now be truly revolutionary for ENO to throw away its English-language-only policy and sing with the verbal sound which the composer had originally heard? With surtitles we could get the verbal values as well." Hall is undoubtedly the most important figure in opera and theatre to take such a stand.



"But can you be certain it's Tony Blair, darling?"

The thought of flashing surtitles looming above the crushed velvet sends the ENO's diehards reaching for the *sal volatile*. Even though picking out the words sung at the Coliseum can sometimes be like tuning into shortwave, the idea that the ENO might abandon its all-English policy is a non-starter.

Dennis Marks, the general director of the ENO, comes straight back at Hall in the same magazine: "The result of (surtitles) is what someone described as the 'drinking duck' experience, with heads bobbing up and down to grab the odd word here and the odd facial expression there." He then adds: "You wouldn't go to the National Theatre expecting *Aeschylus* in Greek."

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● *The publishers Little, Brown, who have contracted Edwina Currie to write two books for £300,000, may find some similarities in the first of the two novels to Currie's own life. Set in 1960s Liverpool, it will tell the the story of a Jewish girl who falls in love with a non-Jew, to her family's strong disapproval. Currie herself married Ray Currie, who was not Jewish, and her father never spoke to her again.*

Bare cheek

LABOUR'S media fixers will stop at nothing to wrong-foot their opponents, not even stripping. On yesterday morning's *Today* programme, Tony Banks, MP for Newham North West and critic of new Labour, was in mid rant when his co-interviewee Peter Mandelson, MP, Labour's campaign manager, stood up and removed his trousers. With another interview with *Breakfast News* pending, Mandelson claimed he hadn't the time to change more privately.

"It's not something that has happened to me before," said Jim Naughtie, the show's presenter. "I wondered whether I should say anything on air but there are some things even our listeners should be spared."

"Peter had lovely slim, hairy legs," whispered a female eyewitness. But was he wearing John Major's fabled favourite, the Y-front? "No, they were boxer shorts, but they were dark blue."

Hanoi Hirst

HAVING conquered Soho and West Hampstead, Damien Hirst, pickler, has ambitions in Vietnam. He is currently in Hong Kong, from where he will travel to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in preparation for big shows there next year.

Hirst's roadshow, entitled *Making Beautiful Paintings*, was the talk of Thursday night's thrash at the ICA in London where *Fool's Rain*, an aggressively groovy contemporary art show, was opening. While a very casual Lord Rothschild dandled the recently divorced Maya Flick on his knee, Jay Jopling, Hirst's agent, talked up his man's project.

The artist has taken his spin-painting machine out with him to educate the natives in making great art with nothing more than a whirling canvas and a paint gun.

Hirst: bound for Vietnam

● *Another step up the cultural ladder for Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, Chelsea's embryonic Edith Sitwell. Next Thursday, she will be addressing the Cambridge Union, proposing the motion "This house believes in dressing for success". It is her first speaking engagement since her writing career took off. Her fellow debaters are somewhat less stellar. They are the comedian Greg Proops, former* Neighbours *actor Mark Little, Jeff Banks of the* Clothes Show *and the former editor of* Cosmopolitan, *Marcelle D'Argy Smith. Next stop* Question Time.

Tara: new talking point

Derailed

BRITISH Rail's last non-privatised InterCity service caused havoc for the hundreds of Labour delegates returning from Blackpool. Less than 48 hours after voting to renationalise the railways, the natily dressed Blairites were hit by two breakdowns on the Preston to London service. The 4.20pm train broke down without even leaving Preston, and its replacement was heaving with passengers from Scotland, forcing many of the delegates onto the floor of first class.

This train then broke down in Wigan, forcing passengers onto a third train. Food then ran out in the buffet and the word "Blackpool" was muttered as if it were a curse. The delegates finally arrived at Euston four hours late. Sir George Young is expected to announce the sale of the InterCity West Coast franchise at next week's Tory conference.

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MAJOR'S MAYBE

Maximising influence means keeping EMU open

One issue overshadows this weekend's summit in Dublin, next week's Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth and the looming general election. It occupies no formal place to itself on any agenda. It will dominate neither of the main party's manifestos. But the debate on the European single currency is, as the Prime Minister acknowledges on the facing page, with very English understatement, "one of the most important economic and political choices to face this country in decades". It is, almost certainly, the most important choice the nation has faced since 1945. Over the next week *The Times* will publish the views of the most authoritative voices in that debate within the governing party.

The Government's current position is not as easy to defend as that of its Tory critics. It provides no vivid banner around which partisans can rally. But the position outlined by Mr Major is the best which Britain can currently occupy to safeguard its own interests and those of its European partners. By maintaining a strategic ambiguity on the future of the single currency the British Government may be able more easily to persuade others in Europe to share some of its concerns. As long as Britain reserves its right to join, it can claim a particular role in shaping the single currency's future.

That role could be decisive. The Prime Minister argues that, "a failed single currency would be a disaster". There is no doubt that driving divergent economies into the corset of a single currency would create unemployment, depress demand and provoke social unrest. Mr Major is alive to the pressures on the Continent for some fudging of the convergence criteria to allow countries ill-qualified for monetary union to join the first wave for political reasons. *Amour propre* must not prevail over economic prudence. If the criteria were fudged then the potential economic dislocation would cause turbulence from which Britain could not insulate itself, even outside EMU.

By preserving its freedom of manoeuvre the British Government could make the case for, at the very least, a monetary union which minimised the risks of failure. Better still, a Britain with its influence maximised might be in a position to prevent the flawed project altogether. Britain occupies the EU presidency during the first six months of 1998, when the Council of Ministers will decide whom to allow to proceed to EMU. That decision will be made by qualified majority vote. Britain could, as John Redwood has argued, use that leadership role to persuade a blocking minority of its partners to stop a single currency for which Europe was not ready.

Some Euro-sceptics argue that Britain's ability to make its case would be strengthened if it declared itself against EMU now. A decision will, in any case, have to be taken soon. Britain has had more influence on European employment policy by opting out of the social chapter, flying the flag for enterprise and forcing the Continent to become more competitive than it would ever have done working from within.

But in monetary matters Britain has already exerted influence while keeping its options open. As the Prime Minister points out, as a result of the Government's advocacy, "the ERM remains voluntary, relations between the ins and outs are firmly on the agenda, and we are best placed to resist protectionist measures damaging to Britain's interests". He might also have pointed out that the original Maastricht conditions for any single currency were nudged in the direction of prudence by his and Norman Lamont's negotiation.

Britain's interests may at some stage soon be best served by abandoning ambiguity. But it would be wrong to declare a public refusal to join EMU simply in order to win cheers at the seaside. The harmful consequences of a single currency could be momentous. Mitigating them requires maximum realism and caution.

EUROPE: A HISTORY

A great new work by a great British scholar

Few works of intellectual scope and importance have started with the claim to contain "little that is original". Readers of our books pages last Thursday will have noticed a laudatory review of a book which begins in precisely that way. As our critic pointed out, the author of Oxford's *Europe: A History* is to be admired for more than modesty. Norman Davies has written one of those great books for whom the critics' "must read" verdict should be truly heeded.

As we have noted in these columns yet again today, the concept of Europe is the cause of almost constant political wrangling and grief. This gripping account of the continent from pre-history to modernity deserves the greatest possible readership among all who would take part in that debate. On Monday *The Times* will begin a series of extracts which, we hope, will give some sense of the work's extent and variety.

The disavowal of novelty with which the book begins refers to the primary research conducted. The quality of interpretation offered is another matter. It would have been understandable if a 1,200-page text like this had become so saturated with the detail of its story that it could not keep up the narrative momentum or examine wider themes. Yet messages are here in abundance — and much literary pleasure too. This is history as both microscope and telescope.

Professor Davies is an uncomfortable companion to anyone with a fixed view of how Europe should develop in the future. While the contours of the past are carefully outlined, there is no attempt to force, let alone reinforce, some single explanation upon the reader. The opposite is true: the aspects that the professor brings to life should provoke thought on all sides, the advocates of heroic and economic history, the supporter of European integration and the staunchest sceptic.

Europe as a widely recognised idea is more modern, hardly 300 years old, than is often imagined. It grew as a secular response to the prior failure of unity around a common idea of Christendom. Acquiring a shared culture to match geography has long proved elusive; the drive for closer European Union implies that this condition continues.

Even its borders are not certain; the question of whether Poland, the Baltic states or Russia mark its eastern boundary has raged endlessly — in both the texts of European writers and the travails of those negotiating Nato enlargement. The defining lines of Europe have included those of the Roman Empire, Catholic and Orthodox Christianity, Ottoman Islam, 19th century industrialisation and wine growing.

A particularly long and destructive trend has been the segregation and downgrading of Central, Eastern, and Southeast Europe from that part which considers itself "Western". That trend continues in the reluctance to expand the European Union.

Exercises of this comprehensive type are now unusual among scholars. The last example was H. A. L. Fisher's *A History of Europe*, published some six decades ago. When such an enterprise is undertaken now, it takes the form of a vast multi-volume series. These have value as a store of reference but not as a book to be read. Of late, history has become more specialised, largely inaccessible outside a narrow circle, and eschewing the broader story. This creates an excessive desire to collect, but not explain, data. Thus more and more, it seems, is known about less and less.

Modern historiography has many more disturbing tendencies still. The concentration on events — cultural movements, political divisions, and socio-economic change — has been downgraded in favour of a vacuous sense of "empathy". Even worse is the fashion for Post-Modernism which denies the analytic value of "facts" altogether. The Davies testament will bring powerful ideas to all who read it. If it has a similar impact on those who write history, then his triumph would be complete.

FOUNTAINS OF ELEGANCE

How to make a fist of communications ancient and modern

The fountain pen is making a comeback in the age of the laptop. A London saleroom yesterday auctioned more than a thousand lots of pens from around the world, including such inky rarities as a Waterman's doll pen too small for any human handwriting. Tomorrow the Royal College of Art opens an exhibition of pens. And jewellers sell bespoke and state-of-the-art fountain pens at prices so smart that they would make pen-pushers of previous generations blot their copybooks in shock.

This revival of the dry-cleaner's best friend flows against the blue-black tide. Until now the ascent of writing instruments has been from the primitive towards the more efficient and legible. So stone chisel was succeeded by stylus. Then reed pens proved finer and more flexible than quills. Inkwells and steel nibs, often crossed, kept the thumbs of schoolchildren ingrained with ink, and made blotting paper a schoolroom tool as necessary as chalk and blackboard. And then came the fountain pen, an early 18th-century invention as revolutionary for clerical life as the paperclip and the fax. Then László Biró introduced the age of the disposable ballpoint that needs no refilling — though even he did not finally solve the inkstain problem. For a ballpoint imploding in the pocket makes a mess even more indelible than a bottle of Indian ink. And finally the keyboard has made all writing mechanical, standardised and accordingly legible.

So why are we reading about this revived fashion for the fountain pen? Partly it may be nostalgia for less pell-mell scribbling times, when all morning could be spent in the writing-room composing a powerful letter in copperplate. And then there is no household object so trivial, from matchboxes to dolls, that cannot become a collectible. In their sleek lines, fountain pens are more beautiful than other old tools. And the modern ones made of platinum and jewels are so expensive that they have become objects of discreet pen-upmanship, like expensive watches.

It is still considered vulgar to display a row of fountain pens in the outside breast pocket of a blazer. But it cannot be long before pen bandits start mugging pedestrians in Bond Street just for the wealth clipped inside their jacket pockets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Terms of reference for an inquiry into Hamilton affair

From Professor Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, John Major has indicated that he will make all relevant papers available to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey, in his investigation of the Neil Hamilton affair (report, October 4). Sir Gordon, however, can do no more than report to the House of Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges on his findings.

The committee has a Conservative majority. Any committee composed of Members of Parliament, however fairly it appears to operate, would not command the full confidence of the public in the present climate. Mr Hamilton can only be cleared and public confidence in the probity of MPs restored by an external inquiry.

The allegations made against Mr Hamilton and others amount, surely, to a crisis of confidence in the parliamentary system which needs proper investigation by a statutory tribunal of inquiry under the 1921 Act.

Such a tribunal can enforce the attendance of witnesses and examine them under oath. It can also authorise those appearing before it to be legally represented. That is the only method, surely, through which a satisfactory and impartial verdict can be reached, one which the Commons would not be able to ignore.

What should the Commons do if Mr Hamilton were not to be cleared but found guilty of serious improprieties and of deceiving, amongst others, the Prime Minister and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary?

The Commons has, in the last resort, the power to expel a member. This power has been used twice since the war, once in 1954 to expel Peter Baker, a convicted forger, who would in any case have been unseated.

The other occasion was in 1947, when Mr Garry Allighan was expelled. He had wrongly told a House of Commons committee that MPs were accepting money for disclosing to the press the proceedings of private party meetings, something of which he himself was guilty. The Leader of the House presented a motion proposing that he be suspended for six months without pay. But, on an amendment by Quintin Hogg, MP, later Lord Hailsham, Allighan was expelled.

It is significant that Allighan, a Labour MP, was expelled by a House containing a large Labour majority. In those days the Commons strove hard to protect its reputation, even where this involved voting against party lines.

Many will feel that the offences of which Mr Hamilton is accused are more serious than that for which Mr Allighan was expelled.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON BOGDANOR
(Professor of Government),
Brasenose College, Oxford.
October 4.

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke

Sir, At the end of a week in which vociferous criticism of Neil Hamilton has appeared in *The Times* and elsewhere, his friends naturally feel deep discontent.

In such circumstances, a friend's testimony is always suspect: however, it is surely not merely a friend's natural bias which creates profound unease about some of the comments.

The central issue has been increasingly obscured. *The Guardian*'s case against a gifted and agreeably unconventional MP is founded on allegations by a man whose credibility was long ago challenged.

In a world which attaches so much importance to appearance (and often too little to reality) Neil Hamilton's position today would no doubt appear stronger if he had never had a business association with Ian Greer in the 1980s before he became a successful minister, but it was perfectly legitimate and there is no suggestion that it deflected him from his duties as a Member of Parliament.

It is on Mr Al Fayed's assertions that the case against Neil Hamilton largely rests. Those allegations must be subjected to the most thorough scrutiny by Sir Gordon Downey, so that justice can be done.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR B. COOKE,
Flat 1, 68 St George's Square, SW1.
October 4.

From Mr Stephen Harrow

Sir, Baroness Turner of Camden appears to have been sacked (report, October 4) for having committed two errors of judgment: first, for openly telling the truth as she sees it, when she would have been better advised to fudge and hedge; second, for openly showing loyalty to an old friend and colleague who has become an embarrassment but who has done nothing illegal, when she would have been better advised to disown him.

The Labour leadership seem anxious to create the impression that instant dismissal is how they would deal with such exhibitions of decency by their frontbenchers if they become our Government. I find that impression unattractive — and very disturbing.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HARROW,
Senior Common Room,
King's College London,
Strand, WC2.
October 4.

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, Paying for parliamentary activities is bribery, and accepting inducements corruption. Both require swift and severe punishment.

Defending the accused remains entirely legitimate. Attacking their advocate — Labour's sacking of Baroness Turner — was not justice but an assault upon our system of justice.

Yours sincerely,
NOEL FALCONER,
223 Bramhall Moor Lane,
Hazel Grove,
Stockport, Cheshire.
October 4.

Labour and pensions

From Mr James Jerram

Sir, The article by Anthony Harris ("Labour yearns for Castles in the air", Business, October 2; see also letter, October 2) is to be welcomed. It makes the points that pensions, however funded, are a claim on current production, and that real increases depend on productivity gains.

Between 1981 and 1996 gross national product per head in real terms (not exactly productivity, but reasonably close) has risen by 36 per cent. The oldest and poorest members of our society, those living on the state retirement pension, have received no part of this increase. It would be interesting to know why; to know who has had their share; and whether this must continue.

Sincerely,
JAMES JERRAM,
5 Barncroft Way,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
October 3.

Devolution plans

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, In writing that "Never can a British Opposition have offered the electorate so little structural change in its platform", Simon Jenkins (article, October 2) is very wide of the mark.

The Labour Party's policy is to set up a parliament in Scotland, an assembly in Wales and numerous regional assemblies in England.

This is structural change of mammoth proportions, opening the floodgates to Celtic nationalism and threatening the very existence of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FORREST,
Delfryn, Castle Morris,
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
October 2.

Disability campaigns

From the Chief Executive of Scope

Sir, As the Government wheels out its national advertising campaign promoting the new Disability Discrimination Act with the catchphrase " . . . from 2 December everybody's equal" it was interesting to listen to Tony Blair's party conference speech (reports, October 2; see also leading article, same day) in which he committed the Labour Party to giving "the disabled the civil rights that the Tories have denied them".

The Government's Disability Discrimination Act is littered with exemptions and qualifications which allow and endorse the continued discrimination against disabled people. With the absence of an enforcing commission and any real teeth, the Act falls short of ensuring that "everybody's equal".

There are more than 6.9 million disabled people living in the United Kingdom. None of the political parties can afford to ignore the voting power of those who really do want equal rights for them.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BREWSTER,
Chief Executive,
Scope,
12 Park Crescent, W1.
October 2.

Last chance for Middle East peace?

From Mr Menzies Campbell, QC, MP for Fife North East (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, During the political negotiations to create and maintain an alliance against Saddam Hussein which followed the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 the Western allies rightly and consistently maintained that there was no linkage between that invasion and the unresolved problem of Israel and the Arab world. But the international community also committed itself, once hostilities were over, to a search for peace in the Middle East more dedicated than ever before.

The Oslo agreement was a remarkable, even astonishing, product of that search, based on the principle of land for peace, accepted both by the Palestinians and the Government of Israel. The practical implementation of these agreements under first Mr Rabin and later Mr Peres was neither easy nor always in accordance with the timetable, but that principle remained as a bedrock. The events of the past two weeks are a direct result of Mr Netanyahu's determination to change the principle to one of peace in return for security.

One has only to ask oneself what the Israeli Government's response would have been if Mr Arafat had embarked on a similar effort to depart from principle to understand just how disturbing the Netanyahu proposal is to the Palestinians. It also dangerously undermines the welcome and necessary support given by Egypt and Jordan to the peace process.

Increased settler activity, the failure to withdraw from Hebron, predatory action in relation to Jerusalem and the threat to close Orient House have rubbed Palestinian nerves raw. The opening of the tunnel in Jerusalem was a gross provocation, whether intended or not. If Israel is serious about putting the peace process back on track it will have to make concessions. The closing of the tunnel as Malcolm Rifkind urged may now not be enough in itself.

A democratically elected Israeli Government boldly and bravely entered into the Oslo agreement. Mr Arafat's subsequent electoral victory was ratification of the position he had adopted there. Flawed though it may have been, the course of events which these agreements prompted was the best prospect of resolution of a conflict which has exacted a terrible toll of human suffering on both sides.

The boldness which brought about the Oslo agreement is also needed to save it. Sunday's resumed peace talks may be the last chance for some time for such boldness to be effective.

Yours sincerely,
MENZIES CAMPBELL
(Liberal Democrat
Foreign Affairs spokesman), ,
House of Commons.
October 4.

Dress code

From Mr Ashley Mote

Sir, I believe the answer to Dr A. Freedman's question (letter, September 30) about the origin of the warning XYZ — examine your zip — lies across the Atlantic at least 20 years ago. At that time I was writing and directing sales conferences and business presentations for several international companies and encountered a guest speaker in London who had flown in from Toronto.

He opened his speech thus: "Since I have never spoken to an English audience before, I decided to consult the best book on the subject I could find called *The ABC-XYZ of Public Speaking*. ABC — always be cheerful: XYZ — examine your zip . . .", which he then did with a great flourish and to raucous applause. The audience hung on every word after that.

Yours truly,
ASHLEY MOTE,
Langley Court East,
Liss, Hampshire.
September 30.

From Sir Rowland Whitehead

Sir, Zipped trousers? Bah! The gentleman says "OBE" (one button exposed).

Yours sartorially,
ROWLAND WHITEHEAD,
Sutton House, Chiswick Mall, W4.
September 30.

From Mrs Victoria Furber

Sir, The response to "XYZ" is "ABC" — all been checked.

Yours faithfully,
VICTORIA FURBER,
Rosemount, Howbourne Lane,
Buxted, East Sussex.
October 1.

From Mr Michael Brooks

Sir, Trouser zips only became commonplace well into the 1950s. In the days when buttons were the norm, my father revealed to me as a growing boy the code word "medals". This, he claimed, would only be understood by other men.

Yours truly,
M. J. BROOKS,
76 High Street, Clophill, Bedford.
September 30.

From Mr R. MacAlastair Brown

Sir, The phrase "You're flying low without a licence" should lead to quick covert attention.

Yours truly,
R. MacALASTAIR BROWN,
39 Moss Lane, Bramhall,
Stockport, Cheshire.

From Mr John Wallace

Sir, A warning adopted by my children is "Biggles" — code for *Biggles Flies Undone*.

Yours truly,
JOHN WALLACE,
6 Jennings Road,
Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.
October 2.

From Mr C. R. Cone

Sir, Whistling the tune *Zippedy Doo Dah* has usually worked effectively.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER CONE,
26 St James's Place, SW1.

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A safer habitat for Britain's flora

From Mr Roger Smith

Sir, Your superb picture of the snake's-head fritillary meadow heralding the *Flora Britannica* launch (Weekend, September 28) makes a very strong message for the conservation of all Britain's flora. So much of our flora, as in these meadows at Oxford, is maintained by the careful management of the habitat to ensure that our rarest species continue to survive to give pleasure and stimulation to each new generation.

Another key element of these conservation efforts has now been partially assured by the support of the Millennium Fund for Kew's new Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place in Sussex.

Kew, with the support of collaborating partners in both government and voluntary bodies, has set an ambitious target to ensure that all "bankable" species of the UK flora will have been deposited in the bank by the year 2000. Once safely stored, species can be kept for centuries or even millennia. They can be studied to discover their hidden potential and reintroduced into the wild at any time.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SMITH
(Head of Seed Conservation Unit),
Royal Botanic Gardens,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey.
October 2.

From the Director of Plantlife

Sir, Your leading article on Richard Mabey's splendid *Flora Britannica* understates, in my view, just how appalling the plight of wild plants is in our countryside today because of the widespread and continuing destruction of wild habitats — as typified by, but not confined to, Twyford Down and the Newbury bypass.

Pace your leader, numbers do matter, if only to measure the scale of habitat destruction and therefore to show how vital it is to conserve what is left. Since the last war, we have lost, for example, 97 per cent of our wildflower meadows, half our ancient woods, three quarters of our heaths and 98 per cent of our unique lowland raised bogs.

There is no point in pretending things are getting better or that we are now at some low point in the fortunes of wild plants and habitats after which they will somehow revive: unless government and individual attitudes and actions change we shall continue to lose plant communities and species and every year the countryside will be, botanically, poorer than it was the year before.

Flora Britannica is welcome, because in stimulating people to identify and enjoy wild plants it will encourage their conservation. The only worry would be if readers were lulled by its immense wealth of plant lore into thinking that all is well with wild plants in Britian. They are in fact suffering a catastrophe.

Yours faithfully,
JANE SMART,
Director, Plantlife,
The Natural History Museum,
Cromwell Road, SW7.
October 3.

IRA and the Basques

From Professor Emeritus Charles Chadwick

Sir, With regard to your report (September 28) that the Basque separatists have a new hero in Diarmuid O'Neill, is it not difficult to see what the IRA and Eta have in common, other than their terrorist activities?

The IRA wants a united Ireland: Eta wants a disunited Spain. If the Basque separatists believe in self-determination for their own region in northern Spain, should they not support the present status of Northern Ireland, where the majority of the population wishes to remain separate from the Irish Republic?

If the IRA believes in self-determination for the people of Ireland as a whole, should it not support the Spanish Government's refusal to allow the Basque minority to create a separate state in northern Spain?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CHADWICK,
The Beeches, William Street,
Torphins, Aberdeenshire.
September 29.

Duchess of York

From Dr Andrew Crowcroft

Sir, We should all be grateful to Nigella Lawson for her article (October 1). Many must have been affronted by the public witch-hunt of the Duchess of York. Have we as a people really become so mean?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW CROWCROFT,
7 Parkhill Walk,
Off Tasker Road, Hampstead, NW3.
October 2.

Animal insights

From Mr Alan Smith

Sir, My late dog was most intelligent (letters, Sepember 12, 16, 24; October 1). All I had to do was open the door, kick him, and out he went.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SMITH,
63 Abbey House,
1A Abbey Road, NW8.
October 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 4: The Duke of York this evening attended the Regatta Dinner given by the Royal Dorset Yacht Club at Custom House Quay, Weymouth, and was received by Mr Wilfrid Weld (Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset).

October 4: The Princess Royal this morning visited South Yorkshire Supertram System, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire (the Earl of Scarbrough).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited Gash, Lion Works, Ball Street, Sheffield.

The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, this evening attended a Reception and Auction of Promises at Goldney House, Clifton, and was received by Mr Derek Tedder (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Bristol).

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Fife and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Fife (The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT). Her Royal Highness visited the Abbot House in Dunfermline.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, subsequently visited the United Distillers' Cameronbridge Distillery at Windygates.

October 4: The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a concert given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, as part of Copenhagen 96, Cultural Capital of Europe, at Trivoli Concert Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark.

YORK HOUSE
October 4: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon arrived at RAF Northolt from Syria.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Lord Taylor of Warwick

The life barony conferred upon Mr John David Beckett Taylor has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Taylor of Warwick, of Warwick in the County of Warwickshire.

Clockmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr M.G.S. Frampton; Senior Warden, Mr Alderman M.B. Savory; Renter Warden, Dr C.R. Lattimore; Junior Warden, Professor A. Boksenberg, FRS.

University news

Bristol
Ms Geraldine Macdonald, Reader in Applied Social Studies at Royal Holloway College and Research Fellow at Green College, Oxford, to the Chair in Social Work and Applied Social Studies.
Professor Glynn Harrison, Professor of Community Mental Health at Nottingham University, to the Chair in Mental Health.

Latest wills

Sir Ernest Gordon **Cox**, of Hampstead, London, secretary, Agricultural Research Council 1960-71, vice-president, Institute of Physics 1950-53, left estate valued at £45,211 net.

George Howard **Eckert**, chartered surveyor, of Saffron Walden, Essex, left estate valued at £1,264,810 net.

Thomas Henry **Plumridge**, of West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £6,916,628 net.
He left £1,000 each to Stokenchurch Dog Rescue, Marie Curie Cancer Care, and to a charity of his executors' choice; £2,000 to West Wycombe Parish Church to amend the headstone of the late Norman Picton.

Wyndham Alan **Green**, of Ashford, Kent, left estate valued at £5,238,637 net.
He left £500 to Jesus College, Cambridge, for the boat club.

Guy Walter **Otter**, of Broadstone, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,152,373 net.

Dinners and service dinners are on the facing page

Memorial concert

The Hon Simon Weinstock
Prince Michael of Kent was present at a concert held yesterday at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in memory of the Hon Simon Weinstock, a director of GEC.

Miss Barbara Frittoli, soprano, and Miss Anna Caterina Antonacci, mezzo-soprano, sang Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* with the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Riccardo Muti. Lord Prior, Chairman of GEC, gave an address. Among those present were:

The Hon Mrs Weinstock (widow), Pamela, Celia and Laetitia Weinstock (daughters), Lord and Lady Weinstock (father and mother), Mr and the Hon Mrs Laurent Lacroix (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Legh (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Clare Lacroix, Miss Karis Lacroix.

The Italian Ambassador and Signora Galli, the French Ambassador, the Dowager Countess De La Warr, the Earl and Countess of Chichester, Wendy Countess of Caledon, Earl and Countess Alexander of Tunis, the Countess of Avon, the Earl and Countess of Woolton, Viscountess Mackintosh of Halifax, Viscountess Trenchard, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Viscount and Viscountess De L'Isle.

Lady Prior, Lord and Lady Hussey of North Bradley, Pamela Lady Harlech, Lady Hindlip, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, the Dowager Lady Killearn, Lord and Lady Eden of Winton, Lord Grenfell, Lord and Lady Catto, Lord and Lady Aldington, Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord and Lady Lucas of Crudwell, Lord and Lady Stevens of Ludgate, Lord Quinton, FBA, and Lady Quinton, Lord and Lady Woolf.

Baroness Rawlings, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord and Lady Rees-Mogg, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Lady Sharp of Grimsdyke, Lord and Lady Tanlaw, Lady Weidenfeld, Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford, Lady Young of Graffham, Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, Mr Richard Needham, MP, Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, Lady Sophia Morrison.

The Hon Kim and Mrs Fraser, the Hon Mrs Simon Fraser, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, the Hon Mrs Laurent, the Hon Charles and Mrs Low, the Hon Mrs Meynell, the Hon Erskine and Mrs Guinness, the Hon David and Mrs Howard, the Hon Alistair and Mrs Campbell, the Hon Rupert and Mrs Carington, the Hon Vivian and Mrs Baring, the Hon Mrs Zamira Menuhin Benthall, the Hon Lady Bonsor, the Hon Mrs Bromage.

The Hon James and Mrs Bruce, the Hon Patrick and Lady Kay Fisher, the Hon Sir Rocco and Lady Forte, the Hon Clive and Mrs Gibson, the Hon David and Mrs Russell, the Hon Mrs Tom Sackville, the Hon Michael and Mrs Samuel, the Hon Richard and Mrs Sharp, the Hon Mrs Spring, the Hon Rupert and Mrs Soames, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, the Hon Raymond and Mrs Bonham-Carter, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs de Renton Parr.

Sir Richard Osborn, Sir Joslyn Gore-Booth, Jane Lady Abdy, Sir Tobias and Lady Clarke, Sir Anthony and Lady Weldon, Ruth Lady Wolfson, Sir Richard Evans (British Aerospace), Lady (Mark) Baring, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir Kenneth and Lady Bond, Sir Christopher Harding, Sir Peter and Lady Harding, Sir Peter Heap, Sir Jeremy Isaacs.

Sir Peter and Lady Levene, Sir Sydney and Lady Lipworth, Sir John and Lady Meurig Thomas, Sir Claus Moser, FBA, and Lady Moser, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Sir Charles and Lady Powell, Lady Raeburn, Sir David and Lady Scholey, Sir Georg and Lady Solti, Sir Colin Southgate (Thorn-EMI), Sir John Tooley, Lady (Charles) Villiers.

Mr and the Hon Mrs Tim Scott, Mr Simon and Lady Julia Prior-Palmer, Mr Roderick and Lady Tessa Balfour, Mr Timothy and Lady Celestria Hales, Mr Frank and Lady Katharine Giles, Mr Philip and Lady Alexandra Ellerson, Mr and the Hon Mrs Oliver Debarge, Mr and the Hon Mrs Simon Dickinson, Mr and the Hon Mrs John Danilovich, Mr and the Hon Mrs Henry Keswick, Mr and the Hon Mrs Timothy Lebus, Mr and the Hon Mrs M Sain, Mr and Mrs Hon Mrs Malise Graham, Mr and the Hon Mrs Sean Jackson, Mr and the Hon Mrs Robert Lyle, Mr and the Hon Mrs Adrian White, Mr and the Hon Mrs Robert Waley-Cohen.

Archduke Ferdinand von Habsburg of Austria, Prince and Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Prince and Princess Rupert von Preussen, Prince and Princess Nicolo Pignatelli, Baron Vaes, Baron and Baronne Edouard de Rothschild, Baron de Ruyter, the Comtesse de Chambrun.

Mr Michael Lester (vice-chairman, GEC) and Mrs Lester with Mr George Simpson (managing director), Mr Malcolm Bates (deputy managing director) and Mrs Bates and past and present colleagues from GEC and their associated companies.

Mr and Mrs Massimo Carello, Mr Charles Cator, Mr and Mrs John Chandris, Mr and Mrs Michael Chandris, M and Mme Bertrand Chardon, Mr and Mrs Roger Charlton, Mr and Mrs Nabil Chartouni, Mr and Mrs Marcus de Ferranti, Mr and Mrs Sebastian de Ferranti, Mrs Richad Gayner, Mr and Mrs Anthony Gee, Mr Olive Gilmour, M and Mme Andre Giraud, Mr and Mrs John Goodwin, Mrs David Abell, Mrs James Adeane, Mr John da Luz Camacho, Mrs Marcus Agius, Mr and Mrs R Alexander, Mr S P Aris, Mr N Aldridge.

Tan Sri Datuk A P Arumugam and Puan Sri Suguna Arumugam, Mrs Ian Balding, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, M and Mme Pierre Haas, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Tom Hamilton-Baillie, Mr and Mrs Gerald Harford, Mr and Mrs Tim Hart, Dr Bernard Harchick, Mr J Walker Haworth, Mr and Mrs Denis Haynes, Mr Christopher Heath, Mr Clifford Henderson, Mrs Gavin Henderson, Mr and Mrs P A Hearne, Mrs W R Hern, Mr James Hervey-Bathurst, Mr and Mrs Matthew Hill, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Patrick Holcroft, Squadron-Leader J K Bird, Mr Michael Bell.

Mr Thomas Brudenell, Mr David Brown, Mr D J Hornsby, Mr and Mrs W F W Bischoff, Mr and Mrs David Bowes-Lyon, Mr Russell Brown, Mr and Mrs Philip Hook, Mr and Mrs John Davies, Mr J Dawson, Mr and Mrs Adrian de Ferranti, Mrs Ruth de Savary, Mr Simon de Zoete, Mr and Mrs Hubert Doggart, Mr and Mrs John Drake, Mr and Mrs Heinz Durr, Mr and Mrs Simon Egerton, Mrs Aristides Embiricos, Mrs Nicholas Embiricos, Mrs Philippe Embiricos, Mrs Mehri Esfandiari, Mr and Mrs Derek Johns, Mr and Mrs James Joll, Mr Andrew Knight.

Mrs Derek Lawson, Mr and Mrs David Lewis, Mr and Mrs Roger Lewis, Professor and Mrs A Kirk-Greene, Miss Laura Lindsay, Dr Paul J Maddon, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs David Martin, Mr Charles Masefield, Mr and Mrs Adrian McAlpine, Mrs Hesketh Millais, Mrs Brian Mooney, Mr and Mrs Jacques Leuba, Mr and Mrs Rupert Merton, Mr and Mrs James Norton, Mr G Owen, Mr Michael Page, Mr and Mrs Brent Perry, Mr and Mrs John Murray, Mr and Mrs Frank Partridge.

Mr and Mrs John Partridge, Mr John Morris, Mme Robert Peugeot, Mr and Mrs Lester Piggott, Captain and Mrs Adrian Pratt, Mrs Geoffrey Probert, Mr and Mrs Peter Reynolds, Mr O P Richards, Mr Francis Roos, Mr Kenneth Rose, Mr and Mrs James Roundell, Mr and Mrs Saeed Rabb-Cerrahoglu, Mrs Stanley Rubin, Mr and Mrs David Lederman, Mr Francis Russell, Dr and Mrs Mortimer Sackler, Mr and Mrs James Sassoon, Mr and Mrs David Seligman, Mr and Mrs Alfred Shenkman, Mr and Mrs Mark Seligman, Dr and Mrs David Sopher, Dr and Mrs M Spiro.

Mr and Mrs Bruce Peskin, Dr Gerald Stern, Mr and Mrs Ronald Stewart-Brown, Major G G E Stibbe, Mr Michael Stoute, Mrs Coral Pritchard-Gordon, Mr Julian Gibbs, Mr Mark Swire, Mrs Martin Taylor, Mr and Mrs A Turnbull, Mrs John Vincent, Mr and Mrs John Walter, Mrs Audrey Surtees, Mr Michael Szell, Mr and Mrs Philip Warner, Mr and Mrs M Whitaker, Mr Charles Wishart, Mrs M Wolff, Mr Nicholas Wood, Mr Richard Wood, Mr Peter Wragg, Mr Henry Wyndham, Miss Melissa Wyndham.

Mr Andrew Lorenz (*The Sunday Times*), Mr Alex Brummer (*The Guardian*), Mr Richard Lambert, Mr Malcolm Rutherford and Mr Bernard Gray (*Financial Times*), Mr Alan Byrne (The Racing Post), Miss Ann Churchill (Eversheds), Mr Claud Morris (The Next Century Foundation) and Mrs Morris, Dr Lawrence Collins and Mr John Wood (Herbert Smith), Mr R Collins and Mr E Sofaer (Magnet World Travel), Mr Simon Duffy and Mr David Groves (EMI), Mr Murray Easton (Yarrow Shipyard), Mr N M Prest (Avis), Mr A Salz (Freshfields), Captain D White and Mr R Warner (Magec Aviation).

Miss Susie Cooper
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke-on-Trent, the Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Leader of Staffordshire County Council attended a memorial service for Miss Susie Cooper, ceramics expert, held yesterday at the Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent. The Rev Graham McNamee, Chaplain of Staffordshire University, officiated, assisted by the Rev Edgar Ruddock.

Ms Barbara Morris, great niece, Mrs Sharon Gater and Ms Lynn Miller, Wedgwood Museum, Ms Ann Eatwell, V & A Museum, Ms Kathy Niblett, Stoke-on-Trent Museum, Mr Paul Niblett, Mr Bryan Youds, Chairman of the Susie Cooper Collectors' Group, and Mr John Ryan, Wedgwood Group, paid tribute.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY
Sir Raymond Appleyard, biologist, 74; Mr Robin Bailey, actor, 77; Mr John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, 52; Professor Sir Malcolm Brown, geologist, 71; Mr Ray Clemence, footballer, 48; Miss Stephanie Cole, actress, 55; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, former chairman, Ferranti, 69; Sir John Dent, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 73; Mr Bob Geldof, KBE, rock singer and initiator, Band Aid, 45; the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, 60; Mr Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, 60; Lord Holderness, 76; Miss Elly Jansen, founder, Richmond Fellowship, 67; Miss Glynis Johns, actress, 73; Mr Robert Kee, broadcaster, 77; Mr Herbert Kretzmer, journalist and lyricist, 71; Mrs Kate Losinska, trade unionist, 72; Mr David Mellor, silversmith and designer, 66; Mr Bruce Millan, former MP, 69; Sir Edward Peck, diplomat, 81; Sir Douglas Ranger, otolaryngologist, 80; Mr Richard Rosser, trade unionist, 52; Mr Timothy Smith, MP, 49; Sir Richard Thompson, former MP, 84; Mr Adair Turner, Director-General, CBI, 41; Mr Dave Watson, footballer, 50.

TOMORROW
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The broadcaster Melvyn Bragg is 57 tomorrow

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Allen
and Miss M.C. Pilkington
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs L. Allen, of Walsall, and Clare, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Pilkington, of Cambridge.

Mr C.O. Brunner
and Miss H.C. Gatacre
The engagement is announced between Conrad, youngest son of Mrs Helen Brunner-Spira and Mr Barnabus Brunner, of Notting Hill Gate, London, and Cecily, third daughter of Mrs John Wells, of Chapel Farm, East Chiltington, Sussex, and Mr E.V. Gatacre, of De Wiersse, Vorden, The Netherlands.

The Hon J.S.G. Catto
and Miss K.M. Lawton
The engagement is announced between James, son of Lord and Lady Catto, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, and Kathryn (Wiggy), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Lawton, of Aldbourne, Wiltshire.

Dr D.R. Humphreys
and Miss C.R.M. De Jaeger
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs David William Humphreys, of Southampton, Hampshire, and Colette, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Ignace De Jaeger, of Dover, Kent.

Mr M.G. McCord
and Miss T.M. Shimwell
The engagement is announced between Michael Geelhaar, son of Mrs Elsbeth McCord and the late Mr George Albert McCord, of Ballasalla, Isle of Man, and Tania Melanie, daughter of Mrs Pamela Shimwell and the late Mr Derrick Shimwell, of Ballamoar Castle.

Mr P.H. Renton
and Mlle E.Y.M. Thirouin
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Renton, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Edwige, eldest daughter of M and Mme Jean Thirouin, of Chartres, France.

Mr M. Walford
and Miss T. Honeyman
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Walford, of Highgate, London, and Tannera, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ewen Honeyman, of Edinburgh.

Mr J.B. Whittingham
and Miss M.E. Camsey
Granville and Maureen Camsey, of The White House, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth, to James Benedict, son of Paul and Janice Whittingham, of Barn Hay, Long Ashton, Bristol.

Marriages

Mr R.D. Leatham
and Miss G.S. Mounsey
The marriage took place yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Richard David Leatham, son of Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leathem, of Burghley House, Stamford, to Miss Georgina Susan Mounsey, youngest daughter of Mr Simon Mounsey and the late Mrs Mounsey, of Piltdown, East Sussex. The Rev Christopher Courtauld, Canon Derek Whitehead and the Rev Brian Close officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Georgiana Culverhouse, Cecily Leatham, Laura Bruce, Lucy Gore and Bobby Leigh-Pemberton. The Hon Piers Portman was best man.

A reception was held at Boodle's and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.S.E. Lynn
and Miss S.L.M. Birtwistle
The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, of Mr Julian Stirling Emmet Lynn, son of Mrs Graeme Hamilton and stepson of Mr Graeme Hamilton, of Eastling, Kent, to Miss Sofia Louise Mary Birtwistle, youngest daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Anthony Birtwistle, of Rogate, West Sussex. Father Anthony Meredith, SJ, and Father Kevin Griffin, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Oliver, Lucy Pawle, Emily Reid and Victoria Pawle. Dr Christopher Rowland Payne was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in Mauritius.

Mr J.J. Williams
and Miss K.M.M. Leach
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, at the Parish Church of St Anne, Kew, between Mr Jeremy Williams, elder son of Colonel and Mrs F.J.K. Williams, of the Wirral, and Miss Katharine Leach, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Leach, of Kew. Bishop John Austin Baker officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte and Olivia Dingwall-Fordyce, Isobel Leach, Joe Toomey and William Dingwall-Fordyce. Mr Richard Addington was best man.

A reception was held at Syon Park and the honeymoon will be spent in South Africa.

Mr I.M. Willis
and Frau A. Müller
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, 1996, at Christ Church, Bath, of Mr Ian Willis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Willis, of Farndon, Chester, to Frau Andrea Müller, youngest daughter of Herr and Frau Heinz-Dieter Müller, of Rötgesbüttel, Hanover.

A reception was held at the Royal Crescent Hotel, Bath.

Church services tomorrow

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Benedicite (Jackson); 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in C, I got me flowers (Vaughan Williams).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Vaughan Williams in D minor, Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), Love of the Father (Gibbons), The Provost; 4 Choral E, Stanford in B flat, We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), Stanford in B flat; 5.30 Asian Christians service.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, O nata lux (Tallis), Missa brevis in D (K194) (Mozart), Listen sweet dove (Ives), The Dean; 3.30 Choral E, Howells in G, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), The Dean.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Mrs S Adeney; 11 S Euch, Missa Ives, Sacris solemniis (Fenton), Rev R Symon; 3.15 E, Chichester Service (Walton), Praised be the God of Love (Britten), Rev M Chandler; 6.30 Compline, Rev M Chandler.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 Ireland in C, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), The Dean; 3 E, Wood in E flat, The Wilderness (Goss).

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Aston in F, All things bright and beautiful (Rutter); 11.30 Choral M, Leighton in D, Thous visitest the earth (Greene); 6.30 Evening.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in B flat, Locus iste (Bruckner), The Treasurer; 11 S Euch, Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Ave verum (Byrd), The Priest Vicar; 3.30 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), I have surely built thee an house (Boyce).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M & Sermon, Sumsion in G, Canon Peirce; 11.15 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Ave verum (Byrd), Canon Ward; 6 E & College Prayers, Collegium Regale (Howells), Te lucis ante terminum (Gardiner).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 Communion; 10.30 Euch, Bairstow in E flat, Jesu joy (Bach), Canon P Oestreicher; 5.30 E, Noble in B minor, Sing we merrily (Batten).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: *8 HC, Canon D* Hodgson; 10 M, The Short Service (Gibbons), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), Canon S Pedley; 11.15 HC, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Tantum ergo sacramentum (Severac), Canon R Coppin; 3.30 E, Walmisley in D, I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC, *Rev D Green*; 10.30 Harvest Festival Euch, Mass in D (Swayne), Lord's Prayer (Fanshawe), The Dean; 4 Harvest Songs of Praise, Jubilate in B flat (Stanford), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, O come ye servants of the Lord (Tye), Missa Brevis (Caesar), *Ave verum corpus* (Byrd), *The Priest Vicar*; *11.30 M & Police Service, The Treasurer*; 3 E, Darke in A minor, How lovely are the messengers (Mendelssohn); 6.30 Evening, O Lord increase our faith, The Precentor.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev Sir J Alleyne; 9.45 S Euch, Schubert in G, Rev J Clark; 11.15 M, Benedicite in B flat (Sumsion), Sing joyfully (Mundy), *Rev Prof D Martin*; 6.30 E, Howells in G, Harvest Anthem (Bourgeois), Canon J Schofield.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Stanford in C, We hasten O Jesu (Bach), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn), Mrs B Butler; 4 Choral E, The First Service (Tomkins), *Glory love and praise and honour* (Harris), *Mr* M McIntosh; 6 Young Farmers Harvest Festival, Very Rev L Jackson.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa brevis in D (Mozart), We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), Tantum ergo (de Severac), The Precentor; 3.30 E, Sumsion in G, Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Communion Setting (Howells), Lead me Lord (Wesley), Rev R Crossland; 11.15 Solemn Euch, Schubert in G, The Subdean; 2 Earth our home service, Rev G Garward; 4.30 EP.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, Canon D Hutton; 3 Choral E, Canon N Vincent; 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), The Archdeacon; 2 Far East Prisons of War Annual; 6.30 E, The Dean.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C, Let us with a gladsome mind (Ridout), Hark my soul (Ridout); 6.30 Choral E, Stanford in A, Praise the Lord, O my soul (Knott).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8, 9.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), O Domine Jesu Christe (Guerrero), Canon M Perham; 3.30 E, Coventry Service (Whettam), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Rev R Impey; 6.30 Norwich East Deanery Service.

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Rev D Murfet; 9.30 *Parish Euch sung to Harris in F, For the* beauty of the earth (Rutter), The Dean; 11.30 Harvest Festival, Stanford in C, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Rev C Marnham; 12.30 Euch, Dean L Weatherhead; 2.30 Concert by Canens; 5.30 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Die himmel erzahlen (Schutz), Canon C White.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Britten in C, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow); 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in B flat & F, Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Canon E Turner; 3.15 E, Kelly in C, Blessed City (Bairstow); 6.30 Rochester Saints Festival, Darke in E, Canon R Symon.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: *8 HC, Canon D Durston*; *10 Euch, Canon J Osborne, Mozart in* D K194, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Canon D Durston; 11.30 M, Te Deum & Jubilate in C (Britten), Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), Ven J Maples; 3 E, Walmisley in D minor, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley); 7.30 Concert.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 *S Euch, St Nicholas Mass (Haydn), Let all mortal* flesh (Bairstow), Canon T Page; 2 Housebound Euch, Canon C Smith; 6.30 Harvest Festival E & Sermon, Collegium Regale (Howells), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Canon C Smith.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, The Provost; 11 Choral Euch, Nunc Dimittis (Burgon), Hear my prayer (Purcell), The Provost; 3 Choral E, Stanford in C, Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn), The Bishop; 6.30 Book of Common Prayer (1662) Choral Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Save us O Lord (Bairstow), O salutaris hostia (Elgar), Rev A Nunn.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), For thy tender mercies sake (Farrant/Hilton), The Curate; 6 E, Brewer in E flat, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), The Treasurer.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon D Baxter; *9.15 Parish Communion, Canon D* Baxter; 11 Solemn Euch, Whitlock in G, Te Deum & Benedictus (Sumsion in G), Rev A Jennings; 3 Bishop's Certicate Service; 6.30 E, Sumsion in G, Ubi caritas & Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Canon I Knox.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Te Deum & Jubilate in C (Britten), Locus iste (Bruckner), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Euch, Missa Trinitatis Sanctae (Grier), Set me as a seal (Walton), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Sis H Markey; 3 E, Thou mastering me God (Harvey), Catherine Shelley; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 Evening, Canon D Hutt.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 7.35 M; 10.30 Harvest Thanksgiving Euch, Mass for five voices (Berkeley), Cibavit eos (Byrd), Toccata in D minor (Buxtehude), Rev J Andrew; 3.30 E, Jackson in G, O quam gloriosum (Moore), Rev G Taylor.

YORK MINSTER: *8, 8.45 HC; 9.30 M; 10 S Euch*, Missa brevis (Mozart), Rev Dr J Chancellor; 11.30 S Euch, Missa *in* simplicitate (Langlais); 2 Animal Christian Concern; 4 E, Jackson in G, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley), Rev Prof E Norman.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Very Rev K Goulstone; 3.30 Choral E.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 Solemn Mass, Rev J Cronin; 3.30 Adult Confirmations, Archbishop Michael.

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL: 11 Rev R Frazer, *The Deeside Choristers, Seek ye the Lord* (*Palestrina*), *Beatitudes* (*Kalinnikov*); 6.30 Evening HC, Rev R Frazer.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Messe Solennelle in C sharp minor (Vierne), Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E, Mendelssohn in B flat, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms), Rev Dr M Banner.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 Communion; 11 Mr D Turner; 6.30 Guest Service, Rev R Tice.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston St, W1: 11 Solemn Mass with Harvest Thanksgiving, Communion Service in G (Stanford), Jubilate Deo (Britten).

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa sine nomine (Heredia), O praise the Lord (Batten), Ave Maria (Arcadelt).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children; 11 Parish Communion, Rev Dr P Elvy; 6 E, Rev Dr P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 HC, Rev S Hood; 6.30 HC, Rev S Hood.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Ave Maria (Palestrina), Totus tutus (Gorecki) 12.30, 4.30, 7 *Mass*; *3.30 V & B*, Benedicam nos (Victoria).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Morning & HC, Rev Dr L Griffiths.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Rev B Lucas; 6.30 HC, Rev E Fletcher.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Triste depart (Lassus), Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina), The Rector; 6.30 E, Murrill in E, O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), The Rector.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Mass in B flat (Schubert), O lovely peace (Handel), Hans-Rudolf Gehrmann; 3.30 Choral E, We wait for Thy loving kindness (McKie), Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Murrill in E), O clap your hands (Gibbons).

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Harvest Thanksgiving & Rededication, Rev W Cairns; 6.30 Choir Praise.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 S Mass, Missa Quarti Toni (Victoria), Cantate Domino a 5 (Hasler), Ave Verum (Phillips).

ST GEORGE'S, *Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC*; 11 S Euch, Mass in D (Williams), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch (1662), John Paul, Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 10.30 S Euch, Missa "Le bien que j'ai" (Goudimel), Be careful for nothing (Purcell), Rev D Lawson; 6 E, *Fauxbourdons* (*Andreas*), *Cibavit eos* (*Byrd*).

ST JAMES'S, *Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev* S Cathie; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family Communion, Rev D Richards, Prelude in C (Bach); 6.30 Welcome Service for Students, Rev J Richardson.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 Harvest Euch, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Tantum Ergo (Nicholson), Rev G Beauchamp; 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, Ave Maria (Dupre), Rev G Beauchamp.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Laudibus in Sanctis (Byrd), Rev D Houlding.

ST MARGARET'S, *Westminster, SW1:* 11 S Euch, Missa in honorem sancti (Rubbra), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Canon D Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; 9.45 Euch, Rev B Schunemann; 11.30 Visitors, Rev A Hurst; 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee; 3 Pearlies Harvest Festival, *The Vicar; 5 Choral E; 6.30 Evening.*

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Choral M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev F Gelli.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Leighton in D, Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Rev J Ovenden; 6 Choral E, Stanford in C.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC (1662); 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa a 4 (1651) (Monteverdi), Deus misereatur (Purcell), Fr W Keyes.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, *HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC, Rev P Abram; 11* M & Sermon, Harwood in Ab, Sing Joyfully (Mundy), Rev P Abram.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev W Booth.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC (1662), *11 M, Vaughan Williams in* G/Jackson in G, Lucus Iste (Bruckner); 3.30 Choral Euch & Confirmation, Darke in F, Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass in D K194 (Mozart), O God thou art my God (Purcell), Rev S Hobbs.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Darke in F, The Chaplain.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Te Deum Laudamus (Stanford in C), Jubilate Deo (Stanford in C), I was glad (Parry), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Missa Brevis in Bb (Mozart KV275), God so loved the world (Stainer), Band of the Scots Guards, Rev C Walker.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch (BCP), Darke in F, Thou visiteth *the earth* (*Greene*), *Rev C French*.

Weekend anniversaries

TODAY
BIRTHS: Denis Diderot, philosopher and encyclopaedist, Langres, France, 1713; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", Dalmeny, 1721; William Scoresby, clergyman and Arctic explorer, Whitby, 1789; Robert Hutchings Goddard, pioneer of rocketry, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1882.

DEATHS: Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis, soldier and statesman, Ghazipore, India, 1805; Jacques Offenbach, composer, Paris, 1880; Jean Vigo, film director, Paris, 1934; Leonard Rossiter, actor and comedian, London, 1984.

Bulgaria declared its independence from Turkey, 1908.

Sir Arthur Lee donated Chequers to the nation as a country retreat for British prime ministers, 1917.

The R101 airship crashed near Beauvais, France, killing 47 people, 1930.

The Jarrow march of the unemployed began their journey to London, 1936.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal 1765-1811, London, 1732; Louis-Philippe, King of the French 1830-48, Paris, 1773; Thomas Attwood, Chartist leader, Halesowen, Worcestershire, 1783; Jenny Lind, soprano, Stockholm, 1820; Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jeanneret), architect, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, 1887; Sammy Price, jazz pianist and bandleader, Honey Grove, Texas, 1908.

DEATHS: William Tyndale, translator of the Bible, burnt at the stake, Vilvorde, Belgium, 1536; Charles Stewart Parnell, champion of Home Rule for Ireland, Brighton, 1891; William Henry Smith, statesman and bookseller, London, 1891; Alfred Tennyson, 1st Baron Tennyson, Poet Laureate 1850-92, Aldworth, Surrey, 1892; George Du Maurier, caricaturist *and novelist, London, 1896*; Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat, President of Egypt 1970-81, assassinated, Cairo, 1981.

The Mormons in Utah renounced bigamy, 1890.

Warner Brothers premiered the first feature-length talking film *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, in New York, 1927.

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I am the Lord; the Lord is my name; I shall not yield my glory to another god, nor my praise to any idol. Isaiah 42 : 8

BIRTHS

ALDOSERI - On September 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Khawla and Khalifa a handsome boy Ahmed, a brother for Yousif was born.

BARCLAY - On September 28th, to Lucy (née Robb) and Simon, a son, Benjamin Henry.

BIDGOOD - On September 28th, at *The Portland* Hospital, a son Elliot to complete our happiness. Nigel, Karen and Warrick thank all who helped on the day.

DAWNAY - *On 28th* September, at St. Mary's Paddington, to Rachel (née Johnson) and Ivo, a son, Oliver Payan. A brother for Ludo and Millie.

de ROEPER - On September 30th, to Sophie (née Lund) and Charles, a son, Joe, a brother to Miles and Lucy.

ELTON - On 2nd October 1996, to Victoria (née Farrow) and Nicholas, a son, Louis, a brother to Maximilian.

FRICK - Adrian Bruno, born in Zurich, Switzerland on 11th August 1996, to Mr Rainer Frick and Mrs Geneviève Ann Frick (née Gordon Lennox).

FURNISS - On October 1st 1996, to Isabel (née Sherwood King) and Colin, a son, Edward John Sherwood, a brother for Georgina and Mary.

GUTHRIE - On 17th September 1996, to Patricia (née Whitty) and Alastair, a daughter, Emma Louise.

HODGSON - Mike and Emma are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Mary, on 28th September 1996.

KENNEDY - On 30th September 1996, to Annie (née Muirhead) and John, a daughter, Matilda Emily Muirhead, a sister for Phoebe.

KING - On October 2nd, to Julia (née Maude) and Tom, a daughter, Olivia Clare Victoria.

NOWELL - On September 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (née Blair) and Tremayn, a daughter, Eloise Victoria, a sister for Holly and Briony.

PARKS - On September 30th, at The Portland Hospital, to Karen and Ted, a beautiful son, Harry Leonard, a brother for Jade and George.

POWELL - On 26th September, to Fiona (née Henderson) and Kevin, a son, William Henderson, a brother for Katrina.

STEWART - On August 9th, to Ann (née Griffiths) and Ray, a son, Luke William, a brother for Kathryn.

YOUNG - On Sunday June 9th, but home today, to Joanna (née Cherry) and Robert, a son, Sebastian Alexander James.

ADOPTIONS

GORDON LENNOX - Jefferson Charles, born in Fransisco Beltrao, Paraná, Brazil on 29th March 1995, adopted by Mr Ian Charles and the Rev Jeltje Gordon Lennox of Geneva, Switzerland.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

MIZON:CLARK - On the 6th October 1956 at St Mary's Parish Church, Great Dunmow, Philip Walter Mizon of Hutton, Essex, to Patricia May Clark of Great Dunmow, Essex. Now at 'Adnah Garth', Froggatt Edge, Derbyshire. Tel: 01433-630554.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

WHITTALL:POUSCHINE - On October 5th 1936 at St. Philip's Russian Orthodox Church London SW1, Geoffrey William Whittall to Barbara Pouschine.

DEATHS

BOULTON - On Wednesday October 2nd 1996 at Cambridge, Mary Diana, aged 81 years. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and The English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge, on Wednesday October 9th at 2.15pm to be followed by cremation.

CLYDESMUIR - Ronald John Bilsland Colville 2nd Baron, K.T. On 2nd October 1996 at Kello Hospital, Biggar, aged 79, peacefully after a long illness. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Diana, David, Andrew and Anne and dear grandfather. Funeral service in Biggar, Kirk on Monday 7th October 1996 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the Fairmile Marie Curie Centre, Edinburgh. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.

COLVIN - Major Leslie Hubert Boyd MC, Ex 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Peacefully on 2nd October in Maldon, Essex, aged 88. Private funeral. Memorial Service later.

EVANS - Dr D. Colin, of Amersham, Bucks, suddenly on 2nd October aged 53. Beloved husband of Ann and *loving father of Huw*, Richard and Gareth, son of Mrs A Evans and the late Mr D. L. Evans of Ammanford, and brother of Hugh. Colin will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral to take place on Wednesday October 9th at 1.30pm at The Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, but donations to the British Kidney Patient *Association, Bordon*, Hampshire GU35 9JZ would be greatly appreciated.

HAYWARD - On 1st October suddenly in Harrogate, aged 86 years, Phyllis Hayward, formerly of Roundhay and Wetherby, dearly loved aunt of Peter and great-aunt of Sarah and Dickon. Service at Christ Church Harrogate, on Thursday 10th October at 1 pm. Enquiries Swainsons (01423) 504571.

KERR - Andrew. Suddenly at home in Switzerland on September 20th, 1996, aged 58 years. Much loved husband of Kathleen and devoted father to Barbara and Michael.

ROSENFELD - Sybil, Theatre Historian, suddenly, at home, on 2nd October. Funeral 12.30pm, Tuesday 8th October at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel.

SPANOGUE - On October 4th 1996, at his home in Painswick, *Gloucestershire*, Peter Alin, aged 92 years. The funeral service will take place at 11.30am, on Thursday 10th October at Cheltenham Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, *but donations in* lieu may be made to the Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund, c/o The Surgery, Hoyland House, Painswick.

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OBITUARIES

BETTY GATHERGOOD

Betty Gathergood, curator of Dr Johnson's House, died on September 25 aged 80. She was born on February 18, 1916.

BETTY GATHERGOOD was almost as closely associated with Dr Johnson's house in Gough Square as the great man of letters himself had been. As a child she grew up there, playing with her dolls in the powder room where 18th-century ladies and gentlemen had once dusted their periwigs, or curling up to read her book on the low window seats.

As a young woman she met her future husband there, and it was there, in the high Georgian rooms, that they celebrated their wedding and, later, the christening of their son. As an elderly but still gallant and sprightly woman of 77, she became curator of the house — as her mother and grandmother had been before her — and, fittingly, it was there, at 17 Gough Square, that her friends were to gather last year to celebrate her 80th birthday party.

It was Cecil Harmsworth (later Lord Harmsworth) — the brother of the press barons Lord Northcliffe and Lord Rothermere — who first bought Dr Johnson's House to run it as a charitable trust. As a young man, Harmsworth often used to pass through Gough Square and was shocked to discover that No 17, the house where Samuel Johnson had lived and worked on his dictionary, was due for demolition. Ignoring the warnings of those who advised him against doing so, he purchased the freehold of the house in 1911 and, having restored the building, opened it to the public the next year.

Bertha Phyllis Rowell (as she was before her marriage) first went to live in the house in 1919 when she was only three years old. She was brought over from America where her parents had emigrated after their marriage, but after the death of her father, her mother had returned to London.

Betty's grandmother, Isabelle Dyble, had by this time been curator of Dr Johnson's house ever since it had first been opened to the public. She was living in the "lodge", a picturesque old-fashioned cottage with brass gaspipes and lead plumbing which had been purpose-built as a home for the custodian. It was she who had looked after and preserved the building throughout the difficult years of the First World War, when, it was said, she had devoted herself to reading Dr Johnson's work, turning for solace at times of need to his prayers or his dictionary. "My old man," as she used affectionately to refer to Johnson, would solve her problems for her, she used to say.

A few years after moving in with her, Betty's mother, Phyllis Rowell, took over the curatorship of 17 Gough Square. She was to remain in this post for nearly forty years, caring for the house and keeping it open to the public even during the perilous years of the Second World War when it was to be almost destroyed three times by incendiary bombs.

Indeed, during the war the house became something of a haven for members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, whose valiant task it was to minimise the damage caused by these bombs. With help from friends and financial donations from City firms, Betty and her mother assembled a collection of chairs, beds, mattresses and even a piano, and moved them into the house so that the firemen could rest and find refreshment there. Many of them, it turned out, were members of the London Symphony Orchestra, and on tranquil nights strains of Handel or Bach could be heard drifting through the darkness of the square.

Edward Gathergood was the name of one of these firefighters and it was there, in 17 Gough Square, that he courted Betty. He carried her as his bride over the threshold of the house in 1942.

On her mother's retirement in 1962, Betty Gathergood did not take over the curatorship immediately. Instead, Margaret Eliot was to serve in this post for more than thirty years. But after her unexpected death in 1993 Betty Gathergood became the third generation of her family to take over custodianship of the house.

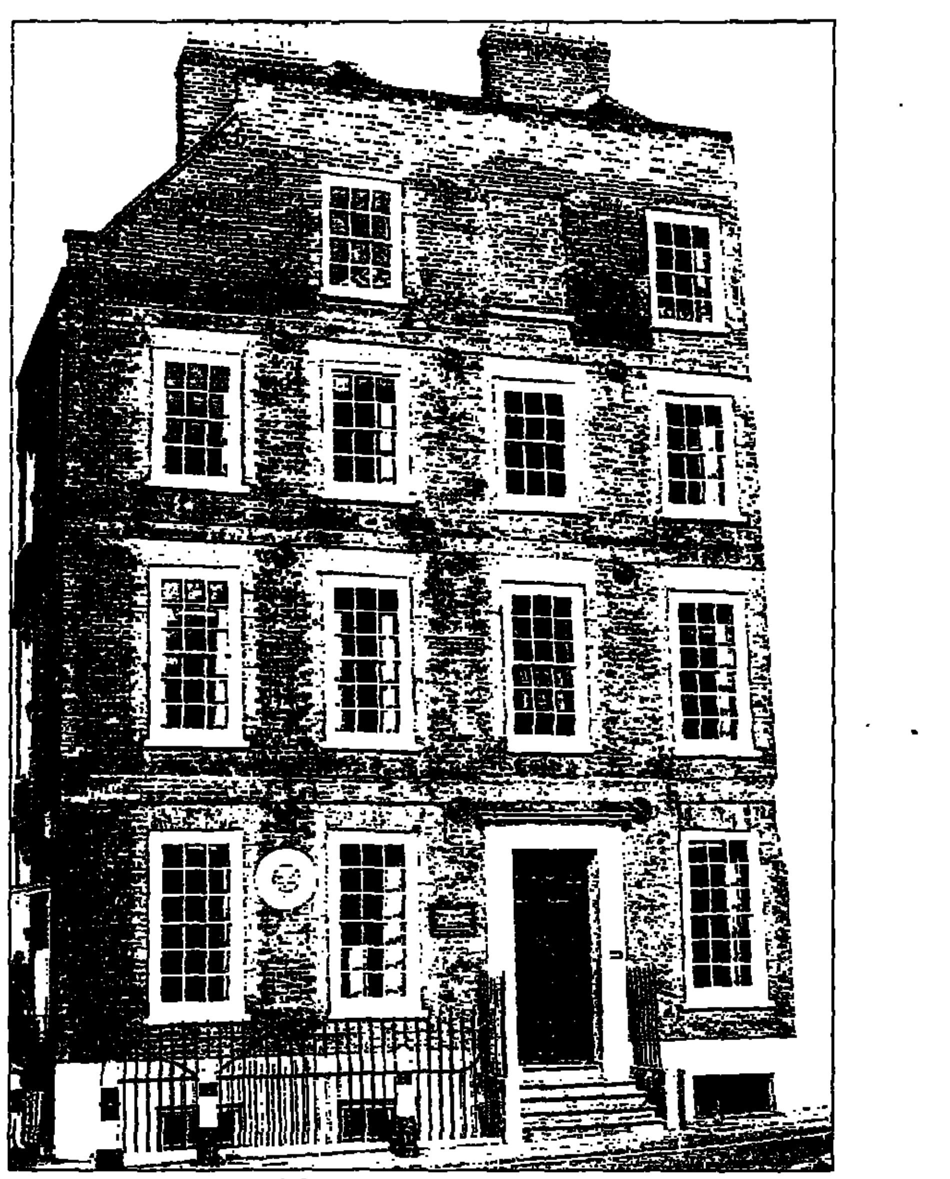
Dust and noise pervaded her first years in the post. Although the basement had already been refurbished and the interior decoration overseen, the exterior had to be attended to. War damage had never been repaired. Furthermore, there was severe cracking in the walls of the custodian's cottage which had subsided after major building works in the vicinity. A severe flood in 1993 precipitated the need for this repair work and while it was under way, Betty Gathergood had to move, commuting from Windsor every day.

Unperturbed by the inconvenience, however, she continued to encourage groups of visitors to visit the house. It was said that it was her magnetism, courtesy and infectious enthusiasm for the original occupant of 17 Gough Square — she was a mine of stories — that proved one of the greatest attractions to those who came to see the house.

Meanwhile she was hard at work with Dr Beryl Andrews from Cambridge cataloguing the library and attending to the long-neglected records of other items in the house. She even unearthed a few previously undiscovered historical treasures.

She had completed a substantial amount of this project before she became too ill to continue.

Betty Gathergood's husband predeceased her. She is survived by a son.



Betty Gathergood and the house at 17 Gough Square, off Fleet Street, where Dr Johnson lived and compiled his famous dictionary

SABINE ZLATIN

Sabine Zlatin, wartime rescuer of Jewish children, died in Paris on September 21 aged 89. She was born in Warsaw on January 13, 1907.

IN FRANCE she was known simply as "the lady of Izieu". Sabine Zlatin saved the lives of more than a hundred Jewish children in southern France during the Second World War: first as a visiting nurse in internment camps, then as the founder of a children's refuge. But it was the memory of a group of those she was unable to save that came to dominate her life: some 40 children taken from her refuge at Izieu in April 1944 and sent to Auschwitz on the orders of Klaus Barbie, the notorious Gestapo chief of Lyons.

Sabine Zlatin was born into a Jewish family, the Schwasts, in Warsaw. In 1923, at the age of 16, she was imprisoned for taking part in a demonstration by the Bund, a Jewish workers' organisation. On her release, she left for France where she met and married an agronomist, Miron Zlatin. The couple ran a poultry farm in northern France, and became French citizens in 1939.

When war broke out, Sabine Zlatin joined the Red Cross and, after the French collapse, went south to serve in a military hospital in Montpellier. Soon, however, she was dismissed from her post under the anti-Semitic laws of the Vichy regime. She began instead to work with the Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants, an organisation which aimed to rescue children who were at risk of deportation.

It was as an extension of this work that in 1943, at some personal risk, she founded the home at Izieu, a small village about 70 miles east of Lyons. In the hills overlooking the Rhone. A farmhouse in an idyllic setting, it served as a holiday home and refuge for Jewish children, who would then be spirited over the border into Switzerland.

For a while the authorities seem to have turned a blind eye, and Zlatin had managed to smuggle more than 100 children to safety when she was betrayed by a neighbouring farmer. On April 6, 1944, the Nazis arrived, led by Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief who became known as the "Butcher of Lyons". More than forty children aged between three and 13 were taken away, together with members of the home's staff, including Miron Zlatin. According to a farmworker who witnessed the raid, the children were "brutally loaded into lorries as if they were sacks of potatoes".

Sabine Zlatin was not at Izieu at the time. On discovering what had occurred she attempted to appeal to the Vichy authorities, but was contemptuously turned away. The Roman Catholic Church, too, refused to help. From the Paris suburb of Drancy, most of those taken were shipped to Auschwitz. Miron Zlatin and two of the children were killed by firing squad in Estonia. Only one man escaped.

For the rest of the war Zlatin was a member of the Resistance, and after the Liberation she helped to resettle people who had been deported. Later she worked as a courier, an artist, and as a dealer and expert in rare books. But most of her energy and all of her passion went into preserving the memory of what had happened at Izieu.

Sabine Zlatin arriving at the courthouse in Lyons to testify against the former Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie in 1987

Her greatest desire was to see those responsible brought to justice. In this she was not alone. The fate of the Izieu children was one of the factors that drove the French-Jewish lawyer Serge Klarsfeld and his wife Beate to spend 15 years tracking down Klaus Barbie, who had settled in Bolivia after the war.

When the former Gestapo chief was finally extradited to France in 1987, the charges relating to Izieu were central to the case against him: indubitably crimes against humanity, they were unaffected by any statute of limitations that might by then have prevented his being tried for war crimes. More importantly, there was documentary evidence linking Barbie to the raid on the home, in the form of a detailed telex actually recording the raid's completion and sent to Gestapo headquarters in Paris. Barbie denied being present at Izieu, insisting at first that he had signed the telex only "because Eichmann's men were away". He later claimed that the telex was forged.

When the case came to trial, Zlatin was in Lyons to testify, and to hear Serge Klarsfeld recite, one by one, the names of the children and details of their lives: Georgy Halpern, aged 8; Barouk-Raoul Benitou, aged 12; Joseph Goldberg, aged 12; Maurice Gerenstein, aged 13 … "For 43 years," Zlatin said, "I have carried Izieu in my heart. For the crime of Izieu, for this crime, there can be neither forgiveness nor forgetting."

Barbie was sentenced to life imprisonment; he died in 1991.

Twice a year Zlatin returned to Izieu to honour the children, whose deaths were marked by a simple monument in front of the house, inscribed with their names. When the farm eventually came up for sale, she founded an association to buy it and turn it into a memorial museum. This was inaugurated in April 1994 by President Mitterrand, and contains all the letters, photographs and documentation that Zlatin could find, as well as drawings by the children.

LORD CLYDESMUIR

Lord Clydesmuir, KT, CB, MBE, former Governor of the Bank of Scotland and Lord-Lieutenant of Lanarkshire, died on October 2 aged 79. He was born on May 21, 1917.

DEBONAIR and with an erect military bearing and clipped white moustache, Ronnie Clydesmuir cut a distinguished figure in many aspects of Scottish life. His business enterprises were extensive and his charitable projects numerous. His military record was substantial and his service to the county of Lanarkshire undoubted. He served as Lord-Lieutenant of the county from 1963 to 1992.

Ronald John Bilsland Colville, 2nd Baron Clydesmuir, was the only son of John Colville, 1st Baron Clydesmuir, a former Secretary of State for Scotland, and Governor of Bombay (who was three times acting Viceroy of India in the interregnum periods between Viceroys).

The Colville family dates back to the early 1500s and originally had its seat in Roxburghshire. But Colvilles were long associated with Lanarkshire and, beside his political career, Ronnie Clydesmuir's father was a director of the family steelmaking firm, David Colville and Sons, which contributed much to the industrial history of Scotland. Ronnie himself was later to be involved in this enterprise as a director.

He was educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge. He served in the Second World War with the Cameronians and was mentioned in dispatches. In 1944 he was appointed MBE.

Later, from 1953 to 1956, he commanded the 6th/7th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) in the Territorial Army and was the recipient of the Territorial Decoration. He served as this regiment's honorary colonel from 1967 to 1971, and as president of the Lowlands of Scotland TA & VR Associations from 1968 to 1973.

His business enterprises were widespread. He was a deputy governor of the British Linen Bank, 1966-71, and of the Scottish Provident Institution from 1954. He was a director and then Governor of the Bank of Scotland. He also served as a director of, among several other companies, Barclay's Bank.

His charitable interests focused on physical education. He was chairman of the Scottish branch of the National Playing Fields Association, a trustee of King George's Fields Foundation and King George's Jubilee Trust, and president of the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation.

Lord Clydesmuir served as a member of the Royal Company of Archers (The Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland) which he joined in the year of the Coronation, and of which he ultimately became Captain-General. Lady Clydesmuir handed back his Gold Stick to the Queen at Holyroodhouse in July 1996.

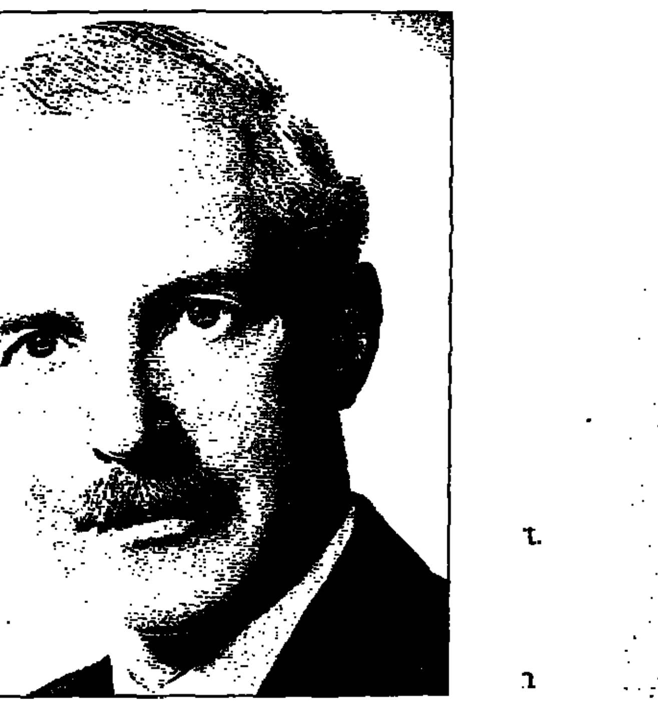
He succeeded to the title in October 1954 when his father died on the operating table after a pair of scissors had been left inside him.

Clydesmuir was appointed CB in 1963. He became a Deputy Lieutenant for Lanarkshire in 1955, rising to Vice-Lieutenant in 1959, before going on to serve as Lord-Lieutenant of the county, a post which he held for some 30 years. He also served as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1971 and 1972 and was appointed a Knight of the Thistle in 1972.

Clydesmuir enjoyed sporting life, especially shooting. When he was taken to hospital once, with appendicitis, the doctor, on removing the organ, found that the appendix was full of lead. "What on earth do you eat?" the doctor asked. Clydesmuir replied that he was fond of game.

One of Clydesmuir's last public appearances was at the Thistle ceremony at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh in July 1994. His death marks the fifth vacancy in the full complement of 16 knights.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, whom he married in 1946, and by their two sons and their daughter. His elder son David, succeeds to the title.



Service dinners and dinners

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich
Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal Navy Barristers held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Captain D.R. Humphrey, Chief Naval Judge Advocate, presided. The Second Sea Lord, the Judge Advocate of the Fleet, the Director of Legal Services RAF, the Chief Naval Supply and Secretariat Officer and the Commander of the College were among those present.

Royal Hampshire Regiment
Brigadier R.G. Long attended the annual dinner of the Royal Hampshire Regiment Officers' Association held last night at Serle's House, Winchester. Lieutenant-Colonel H.D.H. Keatinge presided.

Liverpool Scottish Officers' Association
Captain Edgar Chavasse, President of the Liverpool Scottish Officers' Association, with members and regimental guests dined last night at Forbes House, Childwall, to replicate a dinner held by the Officers of the Battalion in October 1916 at the Chateau Elverdinghe, near Ypres, to honour the award of the Victoria Cross to Captain Noel Chavasse. Major D.S. Evans, chairman, presided. Among others present were: Lieutenant-Commander Ian Fraser, VC, Lieutenant-Colonel D Tasker (Commanding Officer 5th/9th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment) and Colonel R J Murphy (Commanding Officer 208 (Liverpool) Field Hospital RAMC).

Dinners

Old Oxford Circuit
The President of the Family Division attended a reunion dinner of former members of the Old Oxford Circuit held last night at the Middle Temple, by courtesy of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench, to mark the 25th anniversary of the demise of the circuit. His Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC, Leader 1961-1964, presided. Mr Justice Popplewell also spoke. Mr Richard Wakerley, QC, immediate past Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, and Mr James Hunt, QC, Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, were the guests.

Past and present members of the Court of Appeal, past and present High Court Judges, past and present Circuit Judges and QCs, were present.

Cranfield University
Lord Kings Norton, Chancellor of Cranfield University, was the host at a dinner held last night at Woburn Abbey to mark the university's 50 years as a seat of learning. Viscount Caldecote, Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill and Professor Frank Hartley, Vice-Chancellor, also spoke.

British Association for Sport and Law
Mr Edward Grayson, President of the British Association for Sport and Law, Mr Maurice Watkins, chairman, and Mr Ray Farrell, chief executive, entertained members and their guests at dinner last night at the Savoy Hotel after the annual conference held at Lincoln's Inn and a reception at Farrer and Company's offices.

Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen of Exeter
Mr R.L. Persey, Master of the Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen of Exeter, the Wardens and the Court of Assistants were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Tuckers' Hall, Exeter, in honour of the Deputy Mayor of Exeter.

Appointments

Mr Peter Moorhouse to be Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority. He has been a deputy chairman since April 1991.

Mr Tom Bruce Jones to be a non-executive Forestry Commissioner, in succession to Mr Terence Mallinson.

ON THIS DAY

October 5, 1896

The artistic glass, tiles, wallpaper and furnishings which William Morris (1834-96) produced, combined with his literary work, presented a dual existence to the public — "poems by Morris, the wallpaper maker; wallpapers by Morris, the poet."

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM MORRIS

THE death of Mr William Morris, which, we regret to say, took place shortly after 11 o'clock on Saturday morning at Kelmscott House, Hammersmith, after a long illness, removes from the world a man whom we do not hesitate to call a great artist. A poet, and one of our half dozen best poets, even when Tennyson and Browning were alive: an artist whose influence is visible almost everywhere; a craftsman who devoted himself, in a commercial age, to the union of arts and crafts, it may be said of him, with little or no exaggeration, that he adorned all that he touched. And, if another famous epitaph may be allowed to suggest itself, we should say that, while his best work — a poem of his own, or a volume from the Kelmscott Press — is often present on our bookshelves, most of us find something in the nature of a monument to Mr Morris in the better taste of our domestic surroundings. It is seldom, indeed, that an Englishman is an artist of this type. True, Mr Morris was neither a painter nor a sculptor. He studied painting for a time, but preferred to give his energies to the more practical arts with which his name has been so long associated, and to the poems some of which, we do not doubt, will live long after him. No one who has witnessed the Arts and Crafts Exhibitions, which he helped to promote will deny that he possessed and effectively used a remarkable diversity of gifts. To these he added a strenuous and outspoken English nature, such as rarely combines with the typical artistic temperament …

We have referred to his poems as his best work, and might justify the epithet on the ground that they are *aere perennius*, while the concrete productions of his factory must needs perish in process of time, or be debased by the imitations of inferior art. But we do not know that Morris himself would have taken this view of the fruits of his life. One cannot read his poems without feeling that their easy music, not hammered out, but flowing free, must have been a source of pleasure to the writer; yet his sense of beauty and his energy perhaps found a still keener gratification in the material things produced by his hand and under his direction. Enlarging on whatever Mr Ruskin has said of the nobility of honest work, and utterly despising the notion that an artist should plan and design, but, save in the finest of fine art, not execute, Morris held not only that executive handicraft was within the province of an artist, but that all crafts demanded artistic treatment. This principle he preached and practised with a good deal of enthusiasm, we wish we could add with an equal degree of success. It was of "us handicraftsmen" that he spoke to the Trades' Guilds; and it was as a "common fellow" that he addressed a gathering of Birmingham artists and workmen. His cardinal principle was "Art made by the people, and for the people, as a joy to the maker and the user." "I do not want art for a few any more than education for a few, or freedom for a few." "You," he said, "whose hands make those things that should be works of art, you must be all artists, and good artists too, before the public at large can take real interest in such things." …

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NEWS

Major defends talks on EMU

■ Britain must stay in the single currency negotiations to prevent the rest of Europe fudging the terms of entry and creating a failed monetary union that would be a disaster for the country; John Major writes in *The Times* today.

The Prime Minister offers a detailed defence of his "wait and see" approach so as to prevent next week's Tory conference descending into a battle over the issue .... **Pages 1, 14, 20, 21**

Prince sacks private secretary

■ Commander Richard Aylard, the Prince of Wales's private secretary, is to leave his post early next year. Although the parting was by mutual agreement, it was clear that he had effectively been dismissed .... **Page 1**

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Homes grow in value as gardens bloom

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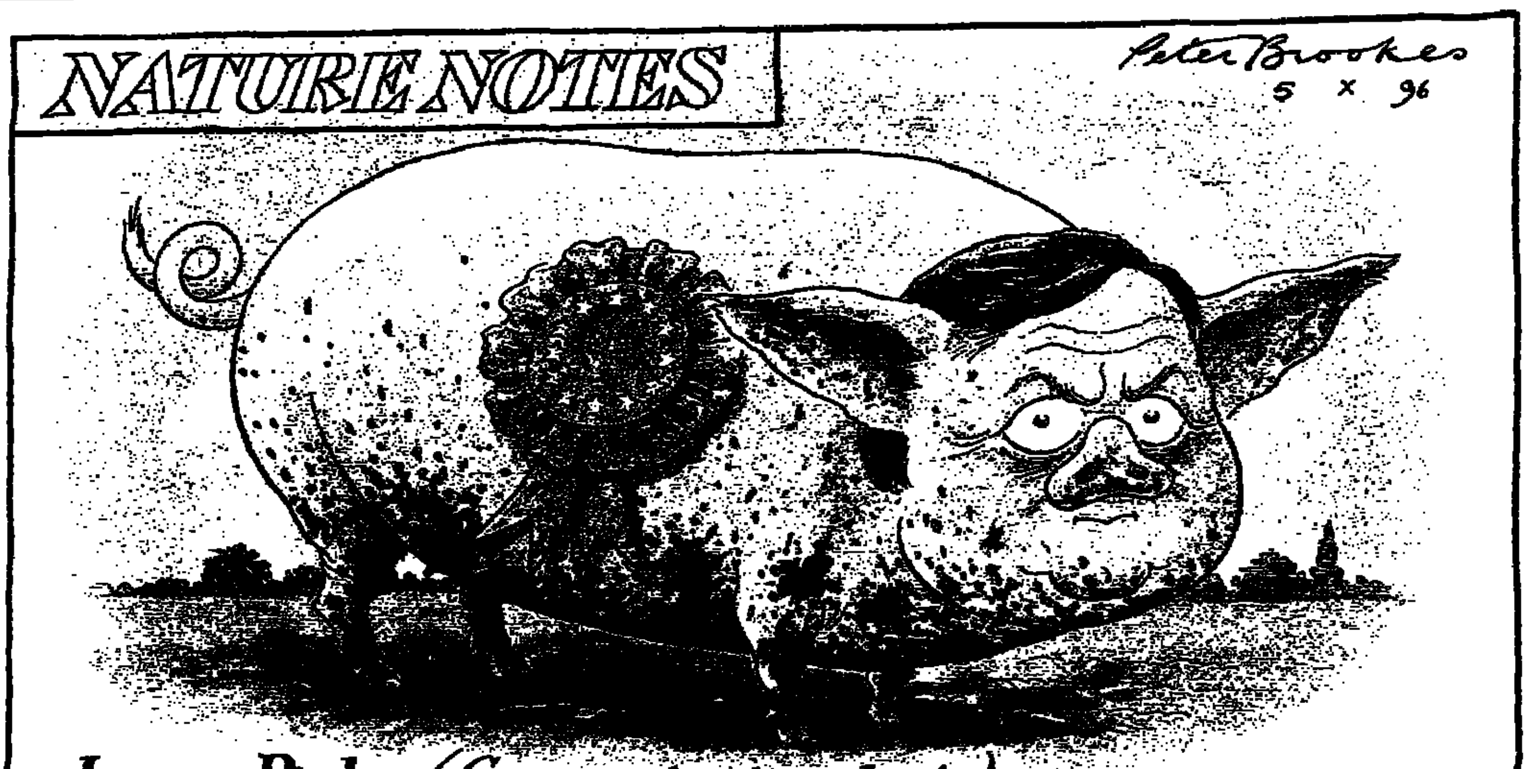

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Much fancied for sausage meat at the Bournemouth Show, but is proving a hardy swine and could save its bacon.

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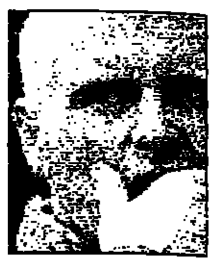

Gazza's game: a year in the life of Paul Gascoigne, Monday, Channel 4, 9pm

Tonight: *Crossing the Floor*, BBC2, 9.30pm

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,291

A limited edition, 1970 vintage bottle of Aberlour single malt whisky, the only malt whisky to have twice won the prestigious Gold Medal and Pot Still Trophy at the International Wine & Spirit Competition, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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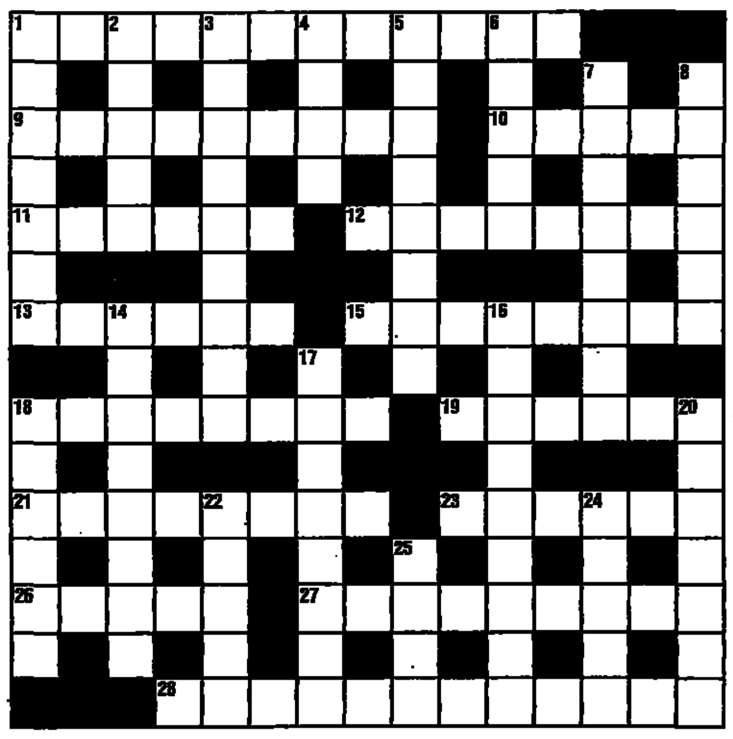

ACROSS

1 *From chap in shop I'm reordering title (12).*
9 Bother, could it be? Not for the best solvers! (9).
10 The present US president (5).
11 Lack of notice about illness? Thats OK (3,3).
12 Showing discomfort, having hard cut in hand (8).
13 Don't suffer in silence, being cowardly (6).
15 Training of fliers to rebuild RAF – only about 100 needed (8).
18 Mournful sounding proposal put by bloke (8).
19 A foreign recommendation to break off current connection (6).
21 A rare breed with certain points, this terrier (8).
23 Played thus with short iron, getting into centre of target area? (6).
26 Menacing looks as officer abandons flag (5).
27 Finish needlework that's tightly bound together (5-4).
28 Is it usual breaking the law in Australia, say? (12).

DOWN

1 *Type that's brash, round East End of London brought up (7).*
2 Dealing with a fight (5).
3 Encourage a desire to get moving (4,5).
4 Source of notes originating on back of envelope (4).
5 Not the main route team travelled, we hear (4-4).
6 Piece of metal collected when parts are exchanged (5).
7 Race of people (8).
8 Highly dramatic period before end of century (6).
14 Don't take holiday abroad (5,3).
16 New accent required in case it's a foreign language (9).
17 Communication device installed in wing for winter coming (8).
18 Costermonger displaying fruit – lady takes no notice (6).
20 Travel with wife and share the expenses (2,5).
22 Is CD moved round for this musical entertainment? (5).
24 Like some editorial decisions, followed by none (5).
25 An artist such as Constable (4).

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *A S Peace, Shipley, West Yorkshire; C I Bullock, Bedford, Bedfordshire; G Fitzpatrick, Cork, Ireland; S A H Smith, Plymouth, Devon; M Roberts, Markfield, Leicestershire.*

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.06 am
Sun sets: 6.29 pm
Moon sets 3.10 pm
Moon rises -

New Moon October 12

London 6.29 pm to 7.10 am
Bristol 6.39 pm to 7.19 am
Edinburgh 6.37 pm to 7.26 am
Manchester 6.36 pm to 7.20 am
Penzance 6.51 pm to 7.30 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6:30	6.0	7:11	5.7
Aberdeen	7.26	3.3	7.55	3.5
Avonmouth	-	-	12:09	9.6
Belfast	4:45	2.9	5:05	3.1
Cardiff	12:00	9.3	6:17	4.2
Devonport	10:33	4.4	11:09	4.1
Dover	4:36	5.5	5.07	5.3
Dublin (N Wall)	5:36	3.3	6:05	3.4
Falmouth	11:04	4.1	11:37	3.7
Greenock	5:42	2.9	5:58	3.2
Harwich	4:41	3.3	5:20	3.2
Holyhead	4.00	4.3	4:38	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	11:57	5.6	5:48	2.8
Ilfracombe	11:26	6.9	5:46	3.6
King's Lynn	12:22	4.8	7:09	2.2
Leith	8:37	4.4	9:06	4.4
Liverpool	4:25	7.2	4:54	7.2
Lowestoft				
Margate	5:20	4.0	5:54	3.8
Milford Haven	11:42	5.2	-	-
Newquay	10:54	5.0	11:39	4.7
Oban	11:06	2.9	-	-
Penzance	10:17	4.4	11:02	4.2
Portland	11:07	1.4	11:58	1.2
Portsmouth	4:35	3.9	4:52	3.8
Shoreham	4:41	4.8	5:07	4.7
Southampton	4:09	3.7	4:36	3.7
Swansea	11:37	7.2		
Tees	9:39	4.1	10:05	4.2
Walton-on-Naze	4:35	3.5	5:21	3.3

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: **Highest day temp:** Poole, Dorset, and Southampton, 17C (63F); **lowest day max:** Spadeadam, Cumbria, 10C (50F); **highest rainfall:** Bingley, west Yorkshire, 0.67in; **highest sunshine:** Margate, Kent, 9.5hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a sunny start but showers will develop, chiefly over eastern England. Any showers in the west will soon die out, while those in the east become lighter.

Scotland and Northern Ireland mainly dry and sunny at first, apart from showers over north and east Scotland. These will die out as patchy rain spreads across northernmost parts of Scotland. More rain is expected later in northwestern areas.

Breezy and rather cold everywhere.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, SW, NW, Cent N England, Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Sunny spells, scattered mainly light showers, the showers dying out during the day. Wind strong northwesterly, becoming fresh later. Rather cold. Max 12C to 15C (54F to 59F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** Sunny intervals and showers, the showers heavy side at first but becoming lighter. Wind strong northwesterly, becoming fresh later. Rather cold. Max 12C to 14C (54F to 57F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Sunny intervals and showers, dying out later in day. Wind strong northwesterly, moderating later. Rather cold. Max 11C to 13C (52F to 55F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland,** Showers, dying out. Light rain for a time in the afternoon. Wind northwesterly turning southwesterly, mostly strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** Sunny intervals, then becoming cloudy with patchy rain. More persistent rain during evening. Wind west turning southwest, fresh becoming strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** Dry at first in south. Rain in north extending southeast on Monday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

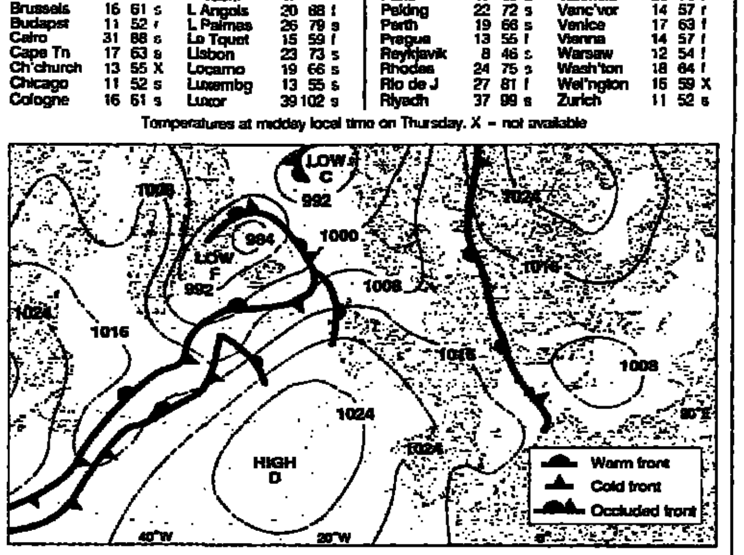
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.4	0.03	13	55	sh	Leuchars	6.1	0.01	14	57	sh
Anglesey	3.8	0.07	15	59	sh	Littlehmptn	8.5	0.09	16	61	s
Aspatria	2.5	0.04	12	54	sh	London	6.8	0.06	15	59	sh
Aviemore	X					Lowestoft	9.0	0.03	15	59	s
Belfast	X					Manchester	4.9	0.21	13	55	sh
Birmingham	8.1	0.08	14	57	sh	Margate	9.5	0.09	16	61	sh
Bognor R	9.0	0.11	16	61	s	Minehead	6.6	0.15	15	59	sh
Bournem'th	X					Morecambe	4.8	0.01	13	55	sh
Bristol	7.2	0.05	15	59	sh	Newcastle	6.1	0.08	13	55	sh
Buxton	7.2	0.26	1162			Newquay	5.2	0.08	15	59	b
Cardiff	5.9	0.31	14	57	sh	Norwich	9.4	0.05	15	59	s
Clacton	X					Oxford	8.7	0.09	16	61	s
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X	0.21	16	61	sh
Colwyn Bay	4.3	0.11	13	55	sh	Poole	8.2	0.05	17	63	s
Cromer	8.6	0.06	15	59	s	Prestatyn	X	0.15	13	55	sh
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	7.2	0.04	15	59	s
Eastbourne	9.2	0.08	15	59	s	Salcombe	8.2	0.15	16	61	s
Edinburgh	X					Sandown	8.8	0.04	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	5.0	0.08	11	52	sh	Sauntn Snd	6.2	0.22	15	59	b
Exmouth	7.0	0.03	15	59	s	Scarboro'	X				
Falmouth	7.4	0.13	16	61	sh	Shanklin	8.6	0.05	15	59	s
Fishguard	4.2	0.04	13	55	sh	Shrewsbury	6.0	0.06	14	57	sh
Folkestone	9.2	0.07	16	61	s	Skegness	9.0	0.16	14	57	sh
Glasgow	2.8	0.63	13	55	h	Southend	X	0.08	15	59	s
Guernsey	8.4	0.07	17	63	s	Southport	3.2	0.15	13	55	sh
Hastings	8.9	0.09	16	61	s	Southsea	8.9	0.09	15	59	s
Hayling I.	8.5	0.08	15	59	s	Stornoway	4.6	0.35	11	52	sh
Herne Bay	9.1	0.05	16	61	s	Swanage	7.3	0.08	16	61	s
Hove	8.2	0.02	16	61	s	Teignmouth	8.1	0.10	15	59	sh
Hunstanton	8.5	0.15	14	57	s	Tenby	5.9	0.06	15	59	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	5.8	0.15	13	65	sh
Isle of Man	5.0	0.06	13	55	sh	Torquay	8.4	0.18	16	61	s
Jersey	7.9	0.09	17	63	s	Tynemouth	-	0.02	13	55	s
Kinloss	X					Ventnor	8.2	0.05	15	59	s
Leeds	1.5	0.39	12	54	sh	West-s-mare	4.1	0.36	15	59	sh
Lerwick	1.2	0.38	10	50	sh	Weymouth	8.0	0.04	15	59	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	s	Corfu	23	73	f	Madrid	19	66	s	Rome	21	70	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	14	57	f	Majorca	22	72	s	S Fr'sco	X		
Alex'dra	27	81	f	Dublin	12	54	r	Malaga	23	73	s	S Paulo	19	66	c
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	15	59	r	Malta	27	81	f	Salzburg	11	52	c
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Faro	25	77	s	Melb'rne	18	64	c	Santiago	17	63	s
Athens	24	75	s	Florence	18	64	f	Mexico C	22	72	c	Seoul	17	63	f
B Aires	21	70	c	Frankfurt	14	57	s	Milan	21	70	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Montreal	6	43	f	St'kholm	12	54	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	14	57	s	Moscow	9	48	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	21	70	s	Munich	12	54	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Barcelona	30	68	s	Helsinki	10	50	c	N Delhi	32	90	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	30	86	f	N York	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	13	55	r	Innsbrck	12	54	f	Nairobi	27	81	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Berlin	15	59	f	Istanbul	X			Naples	21	70	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Bermuda	26	79	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	21	70	s	Toronto	7	45	c
Biarritz	18	64	f	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Oslo	9	48	f	Tunis	20	68	c
Borde'x	19	66	f	Karachi	X			Paris	17	63	s	Valencia	23	73	X
Brussels	16	61	s	L Angels	20	68	f	Peking	22	72	s	Vanc'vor	14	57	r
Budapst	11	52	r	L Palmas	26	79	s	Perth	19	66	s	Venice	17	63	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Prague	13	55	f	Vienna	14	57	f
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Lisbon	23	73	s	Reykjavik	8	46	s	Warsaw	12	54	f
Ch'church	13	55	X	Locarno	19	66	s	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wash'ton	18	64	f
Chicago	11	52	s	Luxembg	13	55	s	Rio de J	27	81	f	Wel'ngton	16	59	X
Cologne	16	61	s	Luxor	39	102	s	Riyadh	37	99	s	Zurich	11	52	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Thursday. X = not available



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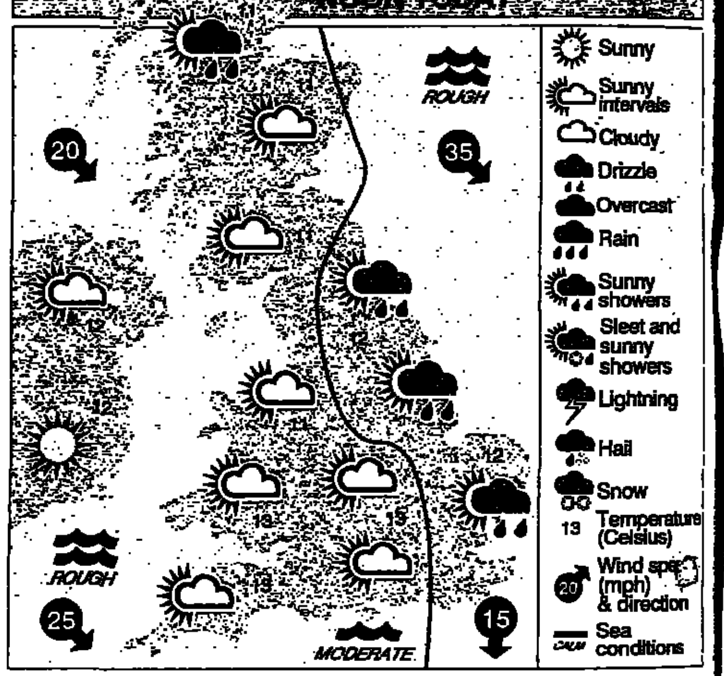

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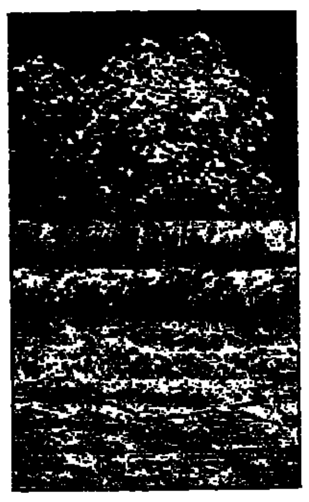

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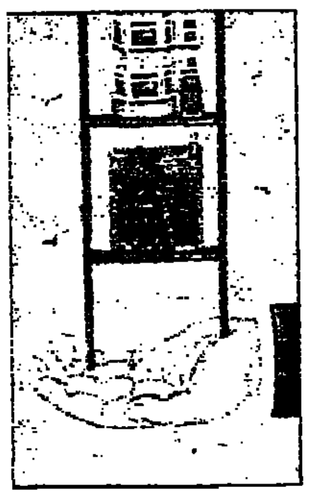

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FRANCES BISSELL'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT DINNER PARTY

I have friends who say they never give dinner parties any more. They "invite people for supper". But go to to their house for "supper" and it's a glass of bubbly pressed into your hand before you have time to get your coat off. When the time comes to eat, the dining table sparkles with china and crystal. The candles are lit, the white wine is brought out, properly chilled, and something red and glorious is served with the main course, as well as something delicious with the pud, or puds. Before that, there will be carefully chosen cheeses, and sometimes, even home-made bread. I call this a dinner party. Why all this inverted snobbery about a name?

We read much in the style pages about the demise of the dinner party; friends now meet for supper at one another's homes, eating informally at the kitchen table, dining off dishes quickly unpacked from M&S. Or they meet and go Dutch in the latest fashionable mega-restaurant. Perhaps this gives the game away. These anti-dinner party souls live in cities, where there is a "latest fashionable restaurant" to which they go. But not all metropolitans are anti-dinner party, and not all kitchen suppers are dressed-up convenience food. A few weeks ago, staying overnight with friends, we were told that Saturday evening was to be a kitchen supper for the four of us, Saturday lunch having been for 16 people. The food was simple and delicious and yes, convenient, in its way — figs and prosciutto, a creamy fish pie and leftover summer pudding. But the vintage Bollinger was followed by 1986 Bâtard-Montrachet from two different single vineyards.

Why do we actually give dinner parties? Is it to network? To impress people? To make matches? I'm afraid I have never progressed beyond the stage of simply wanting to invite friends in for good food and wine. A couple we had not known for very long were, I know, disappointed to come for dinner with us and find no one to network with.

For whatever reason, and no matter how often it is labelled "unfashionable", the dinner party is alive and often elaborate.

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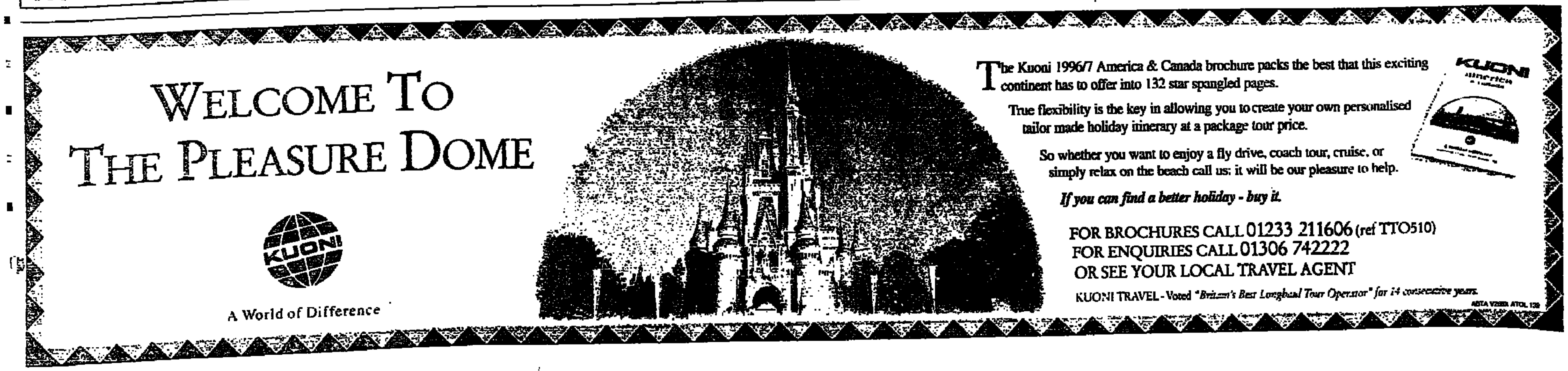

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In London, The Brides Book department at Peter Jones, the experts on such matters, confirm that all the accoutrements of the dinner party are still sought-after wedding presents, although grandeur and opulence has given way to simplicity and clean lines, and more informal dinnerware is being sold. By all accounts, the New York dinner party scene is thriving and quite often to be found entertaining members of new Labour.

Whole shops in Paris are devoted to *"l'art de recevoir"* and the glossies are full of glamorous recipes for entertaining. And, judging by the letters I receive, readers of *The Times*, everywhere are staunch dinner-party people. Special occasions are planned weeks, if not months, in advance, recipes are tested and menus are carefully planned. Sometimes I get frantic letters saying: "A year or two ago, you gave a marvellous recipe for such and such, which we all liked very much. I want to serve it next week for a dinner party, but I can't find the recipe. Help!"

At home, I have been cooking for friends for many years, more than 20 of them documented in a series of food diaries. At the end of each year, I buy a French household *agenda* and use it to make a note of what I cook every day, what is in season, how much it costs, and an occasional shopping list. I started doing this long before I became a food writer, and it has proved useful. I do like to check that I am not planning to give friends the same main course they ate the last time, and Tom, my husband, always wants to know what wines he served.

Food and wine, although an essential element, are not the only consideration. There is, for want of a better word, etiquette. Life is too short, and we are all too busy to spend three or four hours in uncongenial company. In the days of casual telephone invitations, pitfalls await the unwary. "Are you free on Friday evening?" You say yes, and then you hear, "and we thought we would invite X and Y". You can't stand X and Y, but it is too late to back out. A better approach might be: "We are inviting X and Y for dinner next Friday, and we wondered if you would be free to come, too?" There is now enough time for an inventive and face-saving excuse. I cannot commend this ploy too highly. A friend told me that once she was left sitting at a dinner party in the realisation that her husband was never going to return from a visit to the lavatory. It was summer, and he had been overwhelmed by the sight of the open front door and the garden gate, a much more attractive prospect than returning to sit beside a particularly difficult guest.

The most daunting dinner guests in the world? Frances Bissell once cooked for chef Anton Mosimann (standing, far left), his wife Kathrin and their guests, who included Nico Ladenis, chef patron (with dish, far right)

My husband says that two expatriates should never be seated next to each other at a dinner party. If they wanted to talk to their countrymen, they would return home. Expats are not tourists; they secretly want to belong.

Is there anything you can't eat or drink, is a question I always ask if somebody is coming to dinner for the first time. When people answer on behalf of others, they do not, however, always get it right. Who would have thought melon would be a problem. Once I served melon sorbet to some friends, and after smelling it, one of our guests turned quite funny and had to leave the room. His companion had told me earlier in the day that he could eat anything. On another occasion, a food writer friend was bringing a well-known television cook from America for dinner. Do ask her if there is anything she can't eat, I said. "Oh, don't worry darling; she's a foodie, and can eat anything," he replied. But one look at her face, when I served a heaped tureen of mussels, told me otherwise. Smoked salmon came to the rescue though. I wish I could claim always to be so organised.

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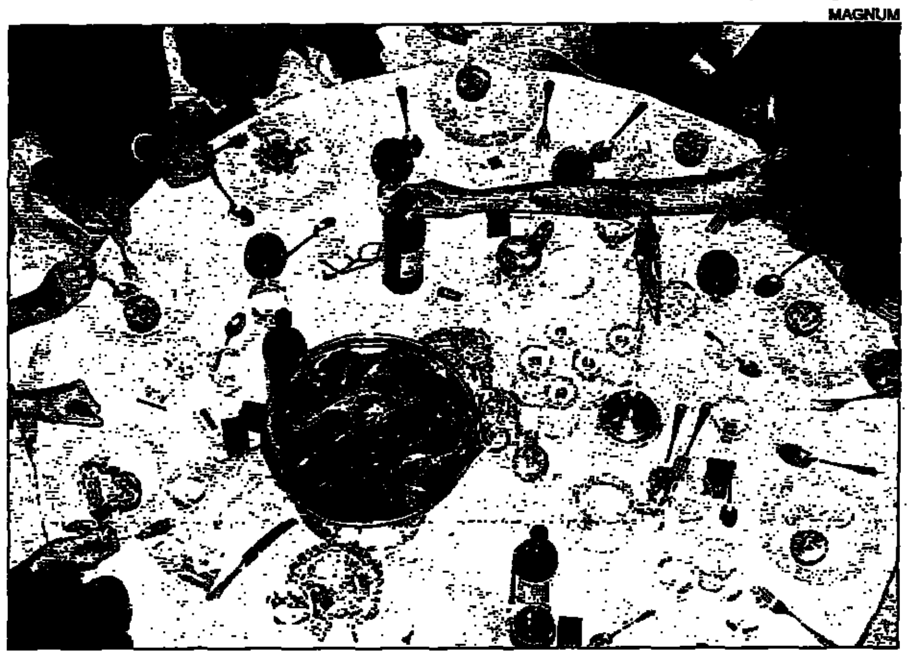

HULTON GETTY

Not all Metropolitans are anti-dinner party — and not all hostesses are models of perfection

It is as well to stay relaxed and flexible so that when disaster occurs, you are not so tightly wound up that you snap. I will never forget inviting two serious and important food people for dinner one evening. As a main course, I had planned roasted veal kidneys with a Roquefort sauce, an idea developed from a dish that I once ate at Le Cochon d'Or in Paris. I thought I would get a little *mise-en-place* out of the way, and, having made the sauce, I decided to half roast the kidneys, and finish them off at the last minute, but I cooked them beyond that point of perfect pinkness. What to do? It was after 6:30 already. I didn't have a freezer, from which to pull out a delectable little standby, and the late-night corner shop had only miserable looking steaks and chops. Tom, who is always looking for a new pasta creation, suggested I make some pasta, chop the kidney, and with the addition of herbs and spice, and a little ricotta, make tortelloni, which I did, and served it with the Roquefort sauce. I do not recommend, however, planning to make fresh pasta an hour before your guests appear, but it does provide a good solution.

Some years ago, at a charity dinner for the Académie Culinaire, I offered, as a prize in the raffle, to cook dinner for the highest bidder and five friends.

It was both gratifying, and somewhat overwhelming at the end of the bidding, to realise that I would be cooking dinner for the chef Anton Mosimann and his wife Kathrin and their guests, including, I later discovered, the chef patron Nico Ladenis and his wife, Dinah-Jane. I had decided on oriental salmon wontons for appetisers, followed by fennel and champagne risotto, and then pot-roast quail, stuffed with black and white pudding as the main course, farmhouse cheeses, and to finish, a version of summer pudding, using tropical fruit, which I thought a very clever idea. Ha! There is such a thing as trying to be too clever.

The dinner was for Sunday night, and on Sunday morning, I had a peek at the individual puddings I had made the night before. Bread slices had been replaced with sponge, tart summer berries were replaced with diced mango, guava, and papaya with passion fruit juice. It tasted dull and bland, and it was falling to pieces, since tropical fruit has no pectin to hold together. Still with no freezer to fall back on, I had to look to the local shops for the solution. New season's Spanish strawberries, yoghurt, ricotta and cream, and just enough time enabled me to make *coeurs à la crème*, macerate some strawberries, and turn some into a coulis. That experience taught me some recipes are so perfect that they cannot be improved upon, and dinner parties do not have to be complicated to be successful.

Since then, I have cooked often for chefs, and I have to say that they are among my favourite guests, as they are the most appreciative. For them, I usually cook the simplest, homeliest food; at this time of year, for instance, perhaps a game cobbler, or a shoulder of lamb, slowly braised on a bed of sliced onions and potatoes, in preference to *noisettes d'agneau en robe de soir*, as it were.

The cellar master in our house has reminded me to include wine etiquette in this article. Do you take a bottle when you are invited for dinner? If you know your hosts, then you will know the answer. If you do not know them, you risk upstaging the host with a better bottle, and worse, offending him, or her, by implying that they might serve inferior wine. The cellar master once got his comeuppance, when asked by a guest what he should bring. "Oh, something dry and white," was Tom's response. A bag of white flour was what he got. On the other hand, a bottle from a fine cellar is more than welcome, especially when it is given to be put away for a rainy day.

What is the perfect number of guests? I am happy cooking for a foursome. Six is fine, too, but eight tends to break up into two parties. Five is my absolute ideal number.

People often ask me if Tom and I get invited back, meaning, I suppose, that some people might be reluctant to invite the scrutiny of a professional cook. I would like to say we do, but, as Tom says, when guests are into their second bottle of claret, they will say anything, even: "You must come to our place soon." He sometimes wonders, does "soon" mean next month, next year, or indeed the next century. But, when the invitation does arrive, I hope it says: "Come hungry, come thirsty, and come in a taxi."

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Here are the three questions:

1. Which country do you associate with lasagne verde?
2. What ingredient is used to create the "islands" in *îles flottantes*?
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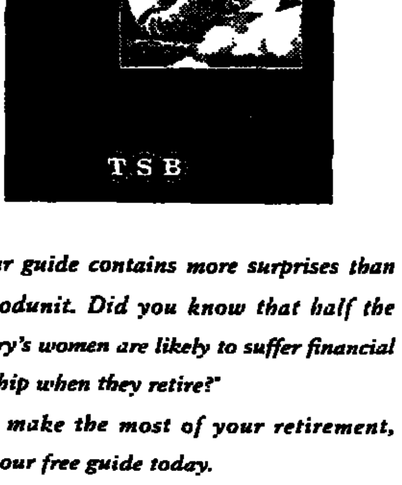

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For those who used to like bread and dripping, here's the recipe for a truly flavourful meat dish that may shock the muesli martyrs

Why I've no beef about pork fat

HOME MADE

Paul Heiney

This being the party conference season, it is time to fling a few bogey words around — socialism, poll tax, Clause 4. You know them as well as I do; they were all once embraced, but are now shoved on to the back burner, the gas turned down, and allowed to become cold and indigestible.

Can I hurl another couple of embarrassing bogies at you? They are foods which we once held dear and are now too *ashamed to contemplate. They stare up* at us from the butcher's slab with demonic eyes. They are *beef and pork fat.*

Beef first. People are becoming coy about their beef habits. To boast of being a beef-eater these days is to risk the pitiful glance that the early muesli martyrs gave to those who remained faithful to the fry-up. There may well be *nervous families* huddling round a bit of rump at this very moment, curtains closed *in case the neighbours spot* the mustard jar, put two and two together and start throwing stones.

Beef-eating is bad enough, but what about pig fat? Is there anyone left in this country who will stand up and declare themselves to be fond of a bit of bread and dripping? You might as well call for the stringing up of cats. Somehow, we have been persuaded it is lethal, clogs the arteries and gums up the works — which it may well do if taken to excess. But what has happened to a sense of moderation? Thrown out with the bathwater, and the *pork chops with a nice bit of fat on* them.

Of course, it is not many years since *there existed* a breed of pig, widely farmed in Dorset, which was called the "ice-cream pig". These pigs were bred to have plentiful back-fat, which was removed at slaughter and processed into ice-cream. Do you remember that glum warning which said, "this product contains *non-dairy fat*"? *Did* you know exactly how far removed from the dairy it was? *I did not* believe this *when first told*, but then a farmer said to me: "Why do you think Walls used to make bacon and pork pies?" So, 25 years ago, you and I strolled along the prom clutching a cornet, licking at our processed pork fat and thinking we'd never had it so good.

Shunning all modern food *fancies*, and with the bravery of a man standing up at the Tory *party* conference calling for a tax on *blue rinse, I offer a dish* which fulfils all the requirements of the the modern, fatphobic eater while actually bringing together these two bogey ingredients, beef and pig fat. But I warn you, *you will have to be brave*, and trusting.

I have recently returned from the *southwest of France* and, *pining somewhat* for the robust food, my hand fell on Paula Wolfert's *The Cooking of Southwest France*, in which she introduces double-degreasing. Veteran *motorists will remember* a technique for getting elderly cars over hills, called double-declutching. Well, this recipe for "Daube for Early September" will get you over the Fear-of-Fat hump that has been keeping you from some truly *great dishes. It takes* two slow days to cook, and some occasional delicate attention.

Buy a 3lb silverside of beef. It is a dense, meaty cut with little fat, and is cheap. *If there* is any fat to be seen on it, remove it. Now, cause your butcher to rock back *on his heels by asking for 3lb of pork* back-fat with rind. You may be the first person in the last ten years to make such a request. This is cheap, too; I paid 95p.

Cut the silverside into half-inch slices, *having rubbed* the joint with plenty of black pepper, but not too much salt. Remove the rind from the pork back-fat (while marvelling that man once devised a way of turning this into something that could be eaten with a chocolate flake) and then cut the fat into chunks and, using a *food processor*, turn it *into a thick paste* while adding a chopped onion or shallot, *parsley*, garlic *and pepper. It is not* terribly attractive.

Line a heavy, cast-iron casserole with the pork rind — the skin side must be inwards or it will stick — and then put a layer of beef, a layer of the pork fat mixture, and another of beef, till you have used all the ingredients.

Take a bottle of strong red wine and boil it for 15 minutes till it has lost the alcohol (heartbreaking) and then add to the casserole. Put on a tight-fitting lid, *and place in a slow oven. After six hours*, remove it and allow to cool without the *lid. The disgusting, flabby pork fat will* have risen to the top of the dish, there to await removal by you, patiently, with a teaspoon.

Spare no effort to remove every trace. *But*, although this is the point at which we say goodbye to the pig fat, it will have left behind those subtle but vital flavours that only animal fat can give to food. Then back into the oven for another hour, another cooling, a further fat hunt. Now you can remove the cool, clean beef slices to a serving dish.

Strain the remaining juice to remove even more fat and rind, and then reduce the juice till you have a sauce. You can even skim this to ensure that — watch my lips — there is *hardly any fat left* in this dish. Yet I promise you will find more depth, subtlety and honest flavour in these slices of beef than you ever thought meat could contain.

If you try this in winter, save the fatty pork rind for the birds. And reserve a smug look of pity for those misguided souls who think fat-free must mean bland.

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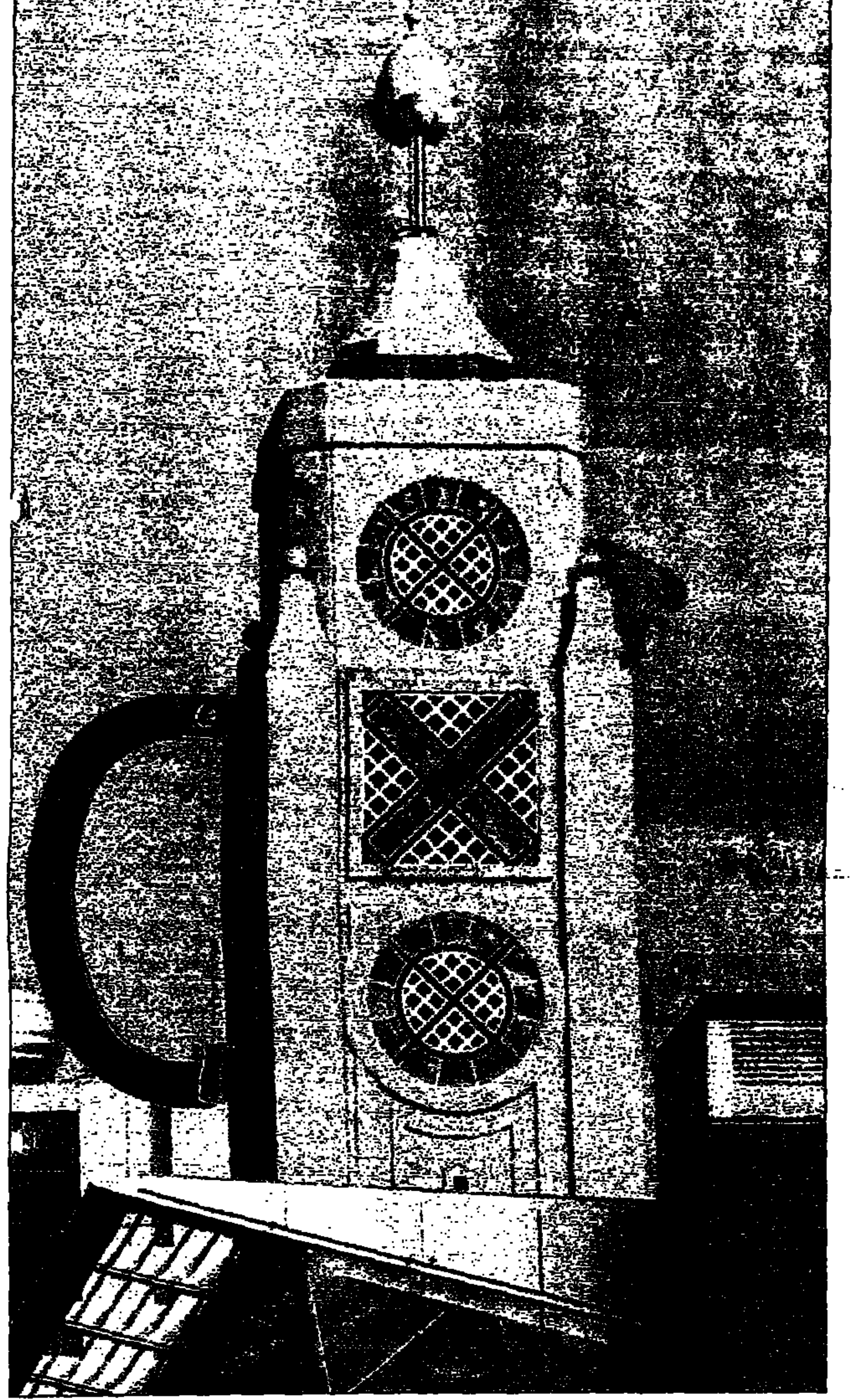

The Oxo Tower Brasserie, near the National Theatre, offers pre-show suppers at £15.50

Coffee exotica

I HAVE BEEN bombarded with news about exotic coffees. Whittards, which has just launched a "Get Real" campaign encouraging us to drink proper coffee, has as its Coffee of the Month an Elephant *Ears Coffee (so called, you will* be relieved to hear, because of the shape of the beans), while Taylors of Harrogate has brought out a connoisseur range, including Tanzanian Kilimanjaro Mountain, Cuban Havana Gold, and a South African arabica coffee.

All this is good news for the thrillophiles among you who *need their palate tickled* by new and exciting products, but, as I learnt from two newcomers to the coffee scene, Jeremy Torz and Stephen Macatonia, this week, the origin of the beans is not as significant as the type of roast and the freshness of the coffee.

I tasted their basic Kenyan coffee at their microroastery (the caffeine equivalent of a microbrewery) in Essex, and it was *a revelation: fresh, crisp* and zesty. I can think of *nothing better to start the day.*

T&M have a theory that certain coffees suit different times of day, mood and even styles of cooking. Most of their business is in designing exclusive blends for leading London restaurants: the River Café, for example, has a strong, dark, typically Italian espresso; Pied à Terre, a French *restaurant, a much lighter*, more elegant blend; while the *new Oxo Tower restaurant* has an attention-grabbing, highly aromatic style of coffee.

They will also supply to private customers by mail order (0181-500 2195). Beans are roasted and, if you wish, ground to order. If you want to appreciate the beans at their best you should use them within a fortnight, though you *can keep them in the freezer* for a little longer. If you want to experiment, T&M offer three different 227g (8oz) sampler packs of four different coffees for £12.50 to £15.25, plus £3.50 p&p. And, yes, they do have some exotic ones. *Thrillophiles should try the* Yemen Mocha Mattari which has — how shall I put it — a farmyardy quality not dissimilar to a good burgundy.

Plump role

THOSE who feel oppressed by the size 10 figures of most *television food presenters* should tune in next Wednes*day to Two Fat Ladies*, the first of a BBC2 six-part series featuring the outsize figures and personalities of cookery writers Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright. Not only are the ladies large but they're utterly un-PC. They advocate (in cut-glass Roedean accents) *limitless* use of cream (Paterson: "I *like* rich food. *None of this nonsense about* yoghurt instead of cream."), they rubbish vegetarians, call scallops "charming little fellows" and produce dishes that would feed a small army.

If you actually want to pick up any solid culinary information, you'll have to buy the book of the series (published by Ebury Press at £17.99), which includes guidance on cooking a whole beast on a spit ("*a surprisingly cheap way of* catering which always causes *excitement*"), a recipe for Roast Meat Loaf or "Hedgehog" ("a robust strongly flavoured monster . . . excellent for picnics, parties, christenings and wakes") and a memorable set of instructions for making a Shooter's Sandwich.

Spicy stuff

DIGEST

Fiona Beckett

UNLESS you have a particularly good local Indian restaurant you may do better getting your takeway off the supermarket shelf. This week saw the launch of a range of regional Indian recipe dishes from Waitrose, which make chicken tikka masala look *about as interesting as a Big* Mac. There are enough different dishes to give you a real feel for the differences in ingredients and spicing between the regions. My favourites were the Chicken Achari, a creamy aromatic *dish from Hyderabad, and the* herby Green Chutney Chicken *from the Punjab*, a must for coriander (and mint) addicts. Considering that the recipes use authentic ingredients and spices such as jaggery, curry leaves, cardamom and awain seeds, they strike me as remarkably reasonable. Most of the chicken dishes are £2.79 for a one-portion pack, and you could put together a gen*erous meal for two for under* a tenner — cheaper, certainly, than my local Indian.

Show supper

PRE-THEATRE suppers used to be the stock-in-trade of the rather sad sort of restaurant which couldn't entice you through their doors at any other time, but these days some of the smartest restaurants have realised that this is a money-maker. Among the best deals in the West End are £14.50 for three courses at *Quaglino's in Berry Street*, £13 for two courses at L'Odeon in *Regent Street, and two alternative* menus at Mezzo in Wardour Street — the rather neat "£7 before 7" deal in the upstairs Mezzonine restaurant or £14 for three courses downstairs. Opera lovers can pick from Brown's in St Martin's Lane, up the road from the English National Opera (any two courses for £9.95) and Christopher's in *Wellington* Street (pre or post the Royal *Opera House*) at £15 *for three.*

South of the river, within striking distance of the National Theatre, there is the Oxo Tower Brasserie in Barge House Street (£15.50 for three courses) and the fashionable new fish restaurant Livebait in The Cut (£11 for two courses). The only problem with this proliferation is that you now need to take as *much care* selecting your *dining* venue as *you do in picking your production*. Mezzonine, for example, boasts a singularly spicy southeast Asian menu that would be an alarming precursor for a visit to the *Mousetrap* with your elderly aunt but ideal to get you in the mood for *Miss Saigon*.

Dished

THE PRIZE for the most *pointless product of the week* goes to Sorriso Italian-style Risotto alla Milanese, an "instant" risotto on sale at Harvey Nichols in London at £2.25 for a one to two-portion pack. Described as a "fast delicious meal" it actually takes 17 minutes of standing over the stove and stirring — exactly what you do when *making the real thing. You'd* do better with Marks and Sparks Italian-style Mushroom Risotto at £1.49, which you can heat in the microwave in a two-and-a-half minutes.

More food and drink in the Magazine

NATIONAL APPLE DAY: CRUNCH TIME FOR YOUR GARDEN

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CHOCOLATE BOX

HAD ANYONE other than Antonio Carluccio suggested a *dish* of *wild* mushrooms polenta, game and chocolate I would have reached for my chocolate-coated smelling salts. However, I know that Carluccio, the proprietor of Neal Street restaurant in central London, is incapable of doing anything tasteless to his beloved *wild mushrooms.*

The dish will be offered for one week to celebrate London's first Chocolate Week, from October 19 to 28, organised by the Chocolate Society, which was inspired to stage this event by the Chocolate Convention, which has been held for the past two years in Perugia in the Umbria region of Italy. Events will be scattered through the capital, and here is a tasty selection.

On October 23 beers will be tasted with Rococo's fine *chocolates at the White* Horse in Parsons Green, west London, *from 6pm (tickets* £10). The idea is to marry rich, malty, sweet beers to finely bitter chocolate.

Malt whisky and chocolate is being tasted on October 22 at Milroy's in Greek Street, central London.

At the Ritz, a special chocolate cake will be included in the hotel's tea (*£19.50* a head, eat as much as you like from 2-6pm), and if it is as good *as they hope it* will become a signature cake for the hotel.

A few doors away *in* Piccadilly at Fortnum and Mason, chocolates will be on sale made by the *Italian* chocolatiers Paul de Bindt and Andrea Slitti.

The Chocolate *Society will be hosting* evening tastings of the Krug of chocolate, Valrhona Grand Cru, with Churchill's port, to celebrate the opening of their first shop at 36 Elizabeth Street. SW1W 9NZ.

JANE OWEN

For details of prices and ticket availability during London Chocolate Week '96 call 01423 322 230. Fortnum and Mason chocolates from the shop in Piccadilly or mail order on 0171-734 8040. The White Horse, Parsons Green (advance bookings 0171-736 2115). Neal Street Restaurant (0171-836 8368). The Ritz (0171-493 8181). Milroy's, Greek Street (0171-437 0893).

Evening class in a meal with appeal

FAST FOOD

VEGETARIAN STUDENT SUPPER

Serves 6

Easy tomato, aubergine and spinach lasagne
Baked apples with mincemeat and marzipan

The easiest student supper dishes are cooked in one container. It may be the only large cooking dish available and means minimal washing up, something we all appreciate. Use 1 litre of passata *and 8 sliced tomatoes instead of the tinned* tomatoes and 250g (9oz) mozzarella and 200g (7oz) feta cheese *instead of the* cheddar for a more expensive version.

MAKE LASAGNE

Put 250g washed spinach in a pan and *heat it gently for 3-5 minutes*, until it has wilted and halved in volume, turning it over once or twice. Trim 4 medium-sized aubergines and cut each of them into four long slices. Cut 250g strong cheddar into small pieces. Pour 1tbs oil over the bottom of a roasting tin. Layer up the ingredients as follows: half the aubergine, the wilted spinach, 6 sheets of lasagne, a 400g (14oz) tin tomatoes, 6 more sheets of lasagne, the rest of the aubergine, another 400g tin chopped tomatoes and the rest of the cheese. Season with black pepper.

Pre-heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas mark 5.

MAKE APPLES

Cut 6 cooking apples in half, crossways. Cut out the core with a knife (you can cut it all the way through, leaving a hole at the bottom of the apple) and put in an ovenproof dish or tin. Divide 250g (9oz) marzipan into 12 pieces and put in the centre of each apple. Spoon 1/2tbs mincemeat on the top, so that the hole is filled. Cover the dish with tin foil.

COOK LASAGNE AND APPLES

Put both dishes into the oven for 40 minutes. *If the oven is too small to do this*, cook the apples while you are eating the lasagne. Check *that the top* of the lasagne is not burning after 30 minutes. If so, cover with tin foil.

MAKE SALAD AND DRESSING

Chop up a large iceberg lettuce. Mix together 1tsp sugar, 1tsp vinegar and 1tsp grainy mustard, if you have it. Mix with 4tbs oil. Use olive oil, if possible, though vegetable oil will do. Dress the salad at the last minute so the leaves do not go slimey.

SERVE LASAGNE

. . . with salad.

SERVE APPLES

. . . .with single cream, if you want.

HATTIE ELLIS

Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables
4 medium-sized aubergines
250g (9oz) washed spinach
6 cooking apples
1 large iceberg lettuce

Dairy
250g (9oz) strong cheddar
150ml/¼ pt single cream (optional)

Store cupboard
1tbs vegetable oil
12 sheets lasagne
2 x 400g (14oz) tins chopped tomatoes
250g (9oz) marzipan
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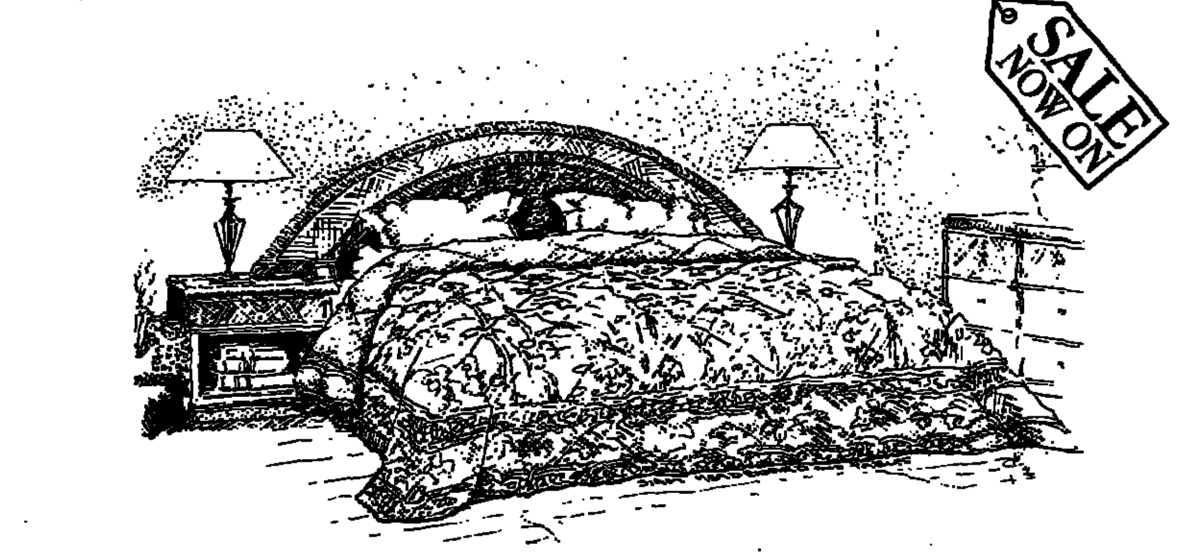

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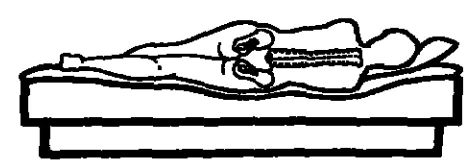

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Gardener's update: **Jane Owen** on Apple Day, botany courses and the best finds for October

The apple of a nation's eye

Brogdale Horticultural Trust in Kent holds the world's largest collection of apples — 2,300 varieties. This national treasure deserves to be better known. During their Apple Celebration on October 19-21, visitors will be able to tour the 150 acres of orchard and have "fruit doctors" diagnose failing apple trees (bring three apples and a leaf branch) or identify varieties. As a succulent incentive to readers of *The Times*, those who show this column will get 50p off the entrance fee per head, up to a maximum of four people.

Bare-rooted apple trees are for sale for about £10 each — go for Ashmead's Kernal, which was raised by Dr Ashmead of Gloucester in 1700. It is a dessert Russet variety with a rich aromatic flavour, which ripens at the end of October to an attractive greeny-yellow, and should keep until February. Like most of Brogdale's apple trees it can be grafted on to different types of dwarf root stock, depending on the final size of tree.

Apple tasting of any of the 100 or so varieties on display during the celebration is free, and for a mere £1.50 you can buy a carrier bag of your favourite selection. Alternatively, you can sample the apples by checking into a suite at the Ritz (£525, plus VAT per suite per night, excluding breakfast) where guests' fruit bowls include Brogdale apples, plums and other seasonal fruit. Well, at least one national institution is giving a helping hand to its poor relation.

As the holder of the National Collection of Fruit, Brogdale has 500 varieties of pear, 350 of plum, 220 cherry and various currants, gooseberries, meddlers, quinces, cob nuts, strawberries and vines. Anything you buy, from the fruit trees to the unusual preserves (for instance Raspberry Curd £2, 12oz/300g), helps to maintain this part of our heritage, which nearly closed in the 1980s for lack of funding.

The Brogdale Horticultural Trust, Brogdale Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8XZ celebrates apples on October 19-21, 9.30am-5pm. £2.50, concessions £2, children £1.50.

Brogdale will arrange mail order for large orders of fruit or fruit trees. Contact Gerry Oughton at the above address.

For an information sheet about events nationwide for Apple Day on October 21, write to Common Ground, 44 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LA, preferably with a stamped, addressed envelope.

For the Ritz bookings call 0171-493 8181.

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An apple picker harvests one of the 2,300 different varieties of the fruit at Brogdale Horticultural Trust in Kent

Bigger, not best

IN SOME circles at this time of year the My Marrow's Bigger Than Yours syndrome is rife (I hear of a cabbage in Gloucestershire that measures 5½ft). In others, Lucia-and-Mapp-style My Plant's Rarer Than Yours one-upmanship rages. I'm never very convinced by either: vast vegetables tend to taste revolting and rare plants are sometimes rare for a good reason.

The National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) fairs usually have a range of unusual plants, often at better prices than garden centres.

Botany day

BRITAIN'S oldest botanic garden, at Oxford, is offering autumn courses. They will be held in the garden, on the banks of the Isis beside Magdalen Bridge. The courses will be run by garden writers, broadcasters and tutors from the gardens, including the Horti Praefectus, Timothy Walker, who is in charge of the gardens.

The next study day focuses on the winter garden and should include a mention of one of the garden's ferns, *Polypodium vulgare*, whose deep green fronds shimmer with frost on cold winter days.

More information can be obtained from Louise Allen, University of Oxford Botanic Garden, Rose Lane, Oxford OX1 4AX (01865-270000). Study days cost £25, including a sandwich lunch. Evening lectures cost £6, with wine.

Sore knees

STUFF a hotwater bottle full of old tights and use it as a kneeler. This gem comes from *Pippa Greenwood's Gardening Hints & Tips*.

Green — or brown — fingers are held gently but firmly throughout as clear explanations backed up with even clearer photographs tell us how to do everything from pruning to planting. The text and ideas are great. Pity about the presentation. For the hard-of-thinking there is a photograph of a pair of scissors.

Pippa Greenwood's Gardening Hints & Tips is published by Dorling Kindersley at £12.99.

Plant fair

TOMORROW the East Midlands Group of the NCCPG holds its first autumn plant fair at Selley Priory, Underwood, Notts from noon-4pm. Twenty-four nurseries will have stalls, although I doubt they will have anything as wild as a 5½ft span cabbage.

To get to Selley Priory take the J27 off the M1 and turn west on the A608, for half a mile. The £1.50 entrance fee includes a visit to the garden. For information contact John Gregory on 01636 525460.

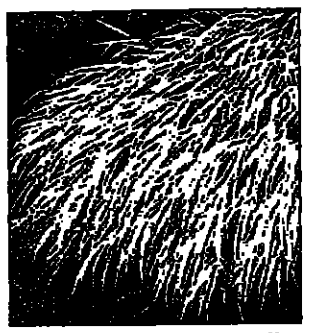
In some circles marrows bring out one-upmanship

PLANT OF THE MONTH

LAWNS are a luxury for those with plenty of time and their own water source but, curiously, it is grass which is taking the place of lawn — specialist grasses which, once established, thrive with little or no water and maintenance and are best planted through a thick layer of gravel or shingle to cut down weeding.

For a failsafe system a layer of black polythene, or any other weed-suppressing membrane available at garden centres, should be laid first with the shingle on top, and the grasses planted through holes in the polythene. *Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'* is a Japanese grass that makes a stunning display with bright yellow gently arching leaves giving colour until the frosts.

It has three drawbacks: it is deciduous; when it reaches maturity — up to 45cm — some of the leaves bend slightly instead of arching, and nurseries have not been able to keep up with demand. So here is an alternative: *Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'*, a perennial which forms a clump of long leathery gold and green variegated leaves and will tolerate a wide range of conditions. It has many of the good qualities of grass without being a member of the family.



Hakonechloa: a specialist grass to replace lawn

PW Plants, a nursery with a good selection of ornamental grasses, sells them for about £4 a pot. The address is PW Plants, Heath Road, Kenninghall, Norfolk NR16 2DS (01953 888212).

FIND OF THE MONTH

I AM on the search for garden implements, high and low-tech, which should be more widely used. Last Christmas my aunt gave me a Kirpi, which is marketed as "the ultimate weeding tool". Having hacked, scraped, sawn and grubbed my way around weeds stuck in the heavy clay of London and Oxfordshire I can vouch for it.

The inner blade of the half-moon shape is serrated for cutting through stubborn stems, and a fierce blade at the top of the outer edge hoes weeds effortlessly. The tip of the crescent digs out tap roots. Kirpis can be bought for £9.80, including postage, from Earthworks Trading, A Ashmole, 5 Sciennes, Edinburgh EH9 1NH.

GARDEN ANSWERS

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replies to readers' letters

Q My climbing *Hydrangea petiolaris* is more than 20 years old and grows outwards to 3ft deep, encroaching over the path to the front door. Can I prune it so that it will lie flatter but still produce flowers? — Mrs P. Smith, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

A Prune it back with a saw in March to the vertical stems attached to the wall. Feed it well. New shoots will clothe the structure over the year, and flowering should start again the next year.

Q We have a beautiful weeping ash. In spring there are snowdrops and all colours of crocuses under the branches. What could we grow in summer, and when should we feed or mulch the tree? — Mrs J. Bassil, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

A So long as the tree is happy and healthy, there is no need to feed it. However, its roots are greedy and will be close to the surface, which will reduce competition from either weeds or plants you wish to grow there. If you want to grow much, you will need to mulch regularly with old compost, manure, and/or a general fertiliser. Drought will be your biggest problem, and this is why the most successful plants will be spring woodlanders which expect dry shade in summer. Why not take the season right through with bulbs. At the height of summer herbaceous colour in deep, rooty shade, is difficult to achieve. Would an urn of white busy lizzies suffice?

Q I have been told that the bracken I have in my garden (one frond) can cause cancer. Is this so? — J. Hopkins, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex.

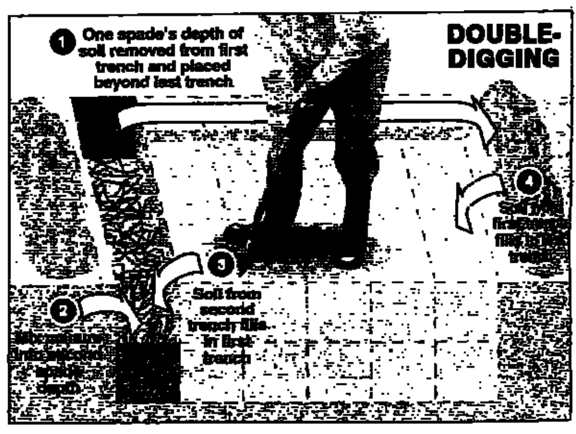
A There is some evidence that the spores of bracken are carcinogenic, and if bracken has appeared in your garden, then there must be more nearby. Remove your frond if it worries you, but what about the rest pumping out spores every summer? What is a reasonable risk?

Q I have moved recently from a most productive garden to a flat overlooking the sea with a 50ft-long walled balcony. I am shocked to find how little will survive the salt wind. Geraniums and begonias survive but evergreens get scorched. — Mrs J. Sharp, Bournemouth, Dorset.

A Wild and salty it may be (what a recipe for retirement), but it will also be relatively mild so close to the sea. Use hebes, olearias, phormium, yucca, and cordyline. I would also make the most of succulents such as tubs full of the elephantine *Agave americana* and baskets of trailing *Lampranthus* and *Carpobrotus*. Make the most of geraniums.

● *Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden Answers, Weekend,* The Times, *1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. We regret that few personal answers can be given and that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility.* The Times *also regrets that enclosures accompanying letters cannot be returned.*

Weekend tips


DOUBLE-DIGGING
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3 Soil from second trench fills in first trench
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- *Begin digging and manuring vacant parts of the vegetable garden (see above) and apply lime where necessary.*
- *Lift gladioli when they turn yellow, cut off stems, dry the corms, rub clean, label varieties and store.*
- *Stop damping down greenhouses, but keep ventilation generous in dry, sunny weather.*
- *Continue potting spring bulbs for a staggered indoor display. Dry off lilies and hippeastrums in their pots.*

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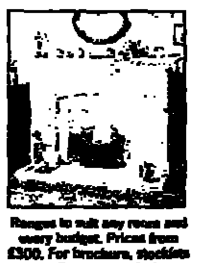

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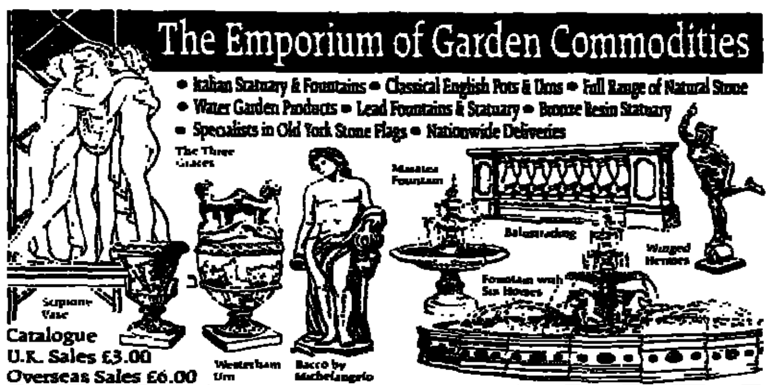

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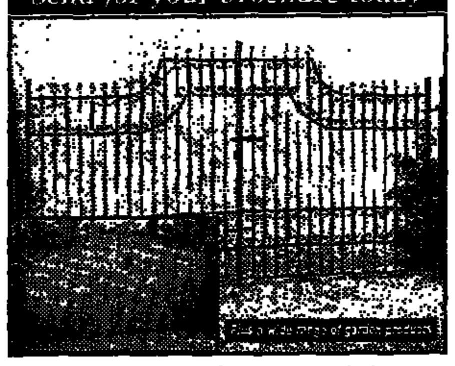

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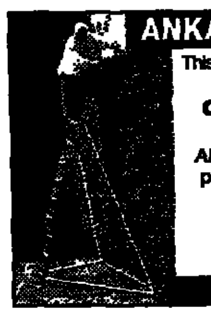

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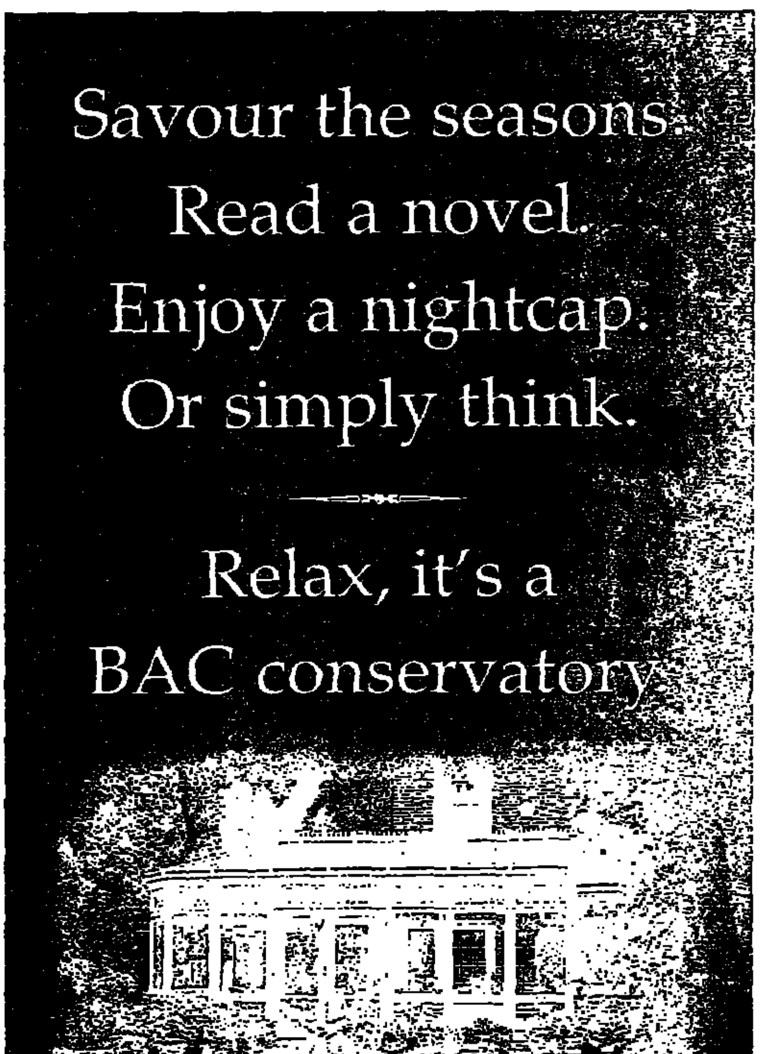

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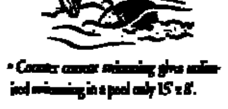

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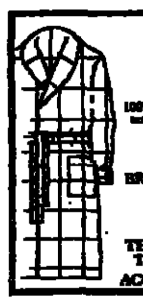

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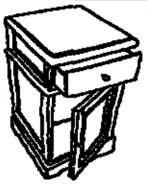

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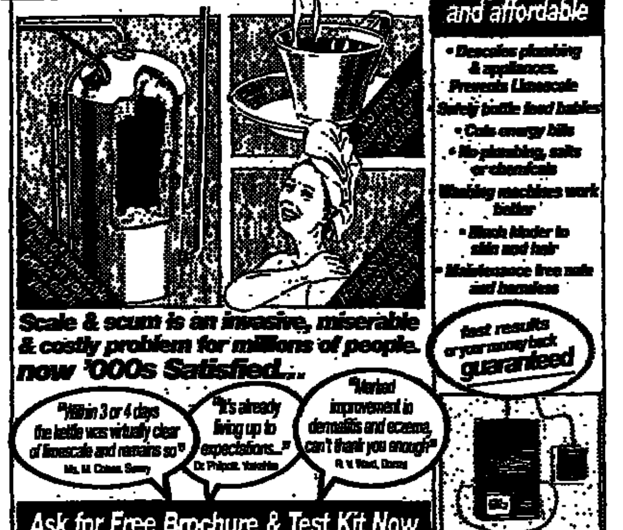

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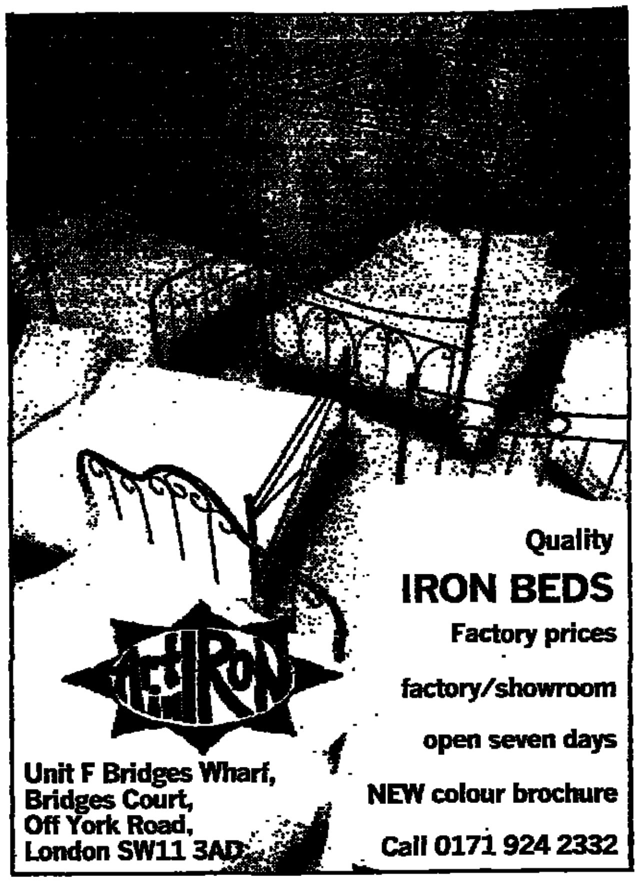

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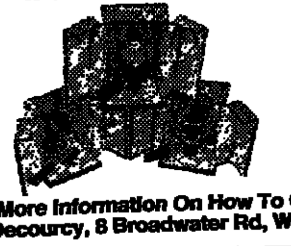

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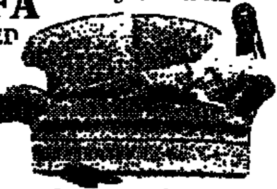

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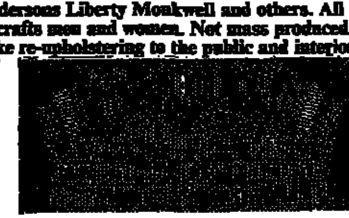

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Real snowboarders groaned when the Prince of Wales and Prince Harry took to the boards in Klosters last winter. What geeks! They actually wore *skiboots* in hard *snowboard bindings. Every*body knows there are only four people in Britain who wear hard snowboard boots. And *nobody* wears skiboots for snowboarding.

Snowboard instructors decried their antics, noting the *danger skiboots pose to lower* limbs when forced into bindings they are not designed for. But snowboarders don't care about that. They just cringed at how *uncool* the Princes were.

It's not easy to know what's *in and* what's *out* in snowboarding. Baggy clothing went out more than a year ago, but some shops are still trying to sell it. I discovered the other day that among serious snowboarders in California, there is *no* worse sin *than* … in-line skating. And now that adults threaten to take over the sport, buying advice becomes more crucial than ever.

I've counted more than 326 snowboard manufacturers. Technical innovations are pro*liferating* like *retro-viruses.* Some of the newest ideas haven't yet been proven in practice. In the choice of gear below, I've tried to pick the best *hardware for beginners* and the highest performance rides for both freestylers and *freecarvers.*

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Ever crashed because your *feet overhang* the board? K2's Fat Bob (£390)* boards are made for Bigfoot. The new Zeppelin (£400)* is the best board K2 has ever made. It features visible torsion forks in the top sheet to allow a softer nose for mega air. *Less* technical but total sellouts last year are the value boards from *Plenk*. The Jib sells for less* than £200, and Plenk's kids' boards give ample performance for under £150.

BINDINGS AND BOOTS

This is the year of stepin bindings. As anyone over ten who has tried snowboarding *can attest, bending* over to strap up conventional bindings is a *serious* pain in the lower back. Boot-binding systems like the Switch Autolock (£135)* click into place with authority, but *only* work with *Switch boots* sold with the appropriate cleats built into boot soles. *Now* Flow has come up with a step-in system that will work with any soft boot. The Flow F11 (£130)* is tipped to be the bestselling binding in the UK *this year, and the Flow doesn't* jam up with snow the way click-in designs can.

Back to basics with conventional strap-in soft boot bindings. *Burton's* Custom Freestyle (£140)* is top for the lightest, most secure grip. Young*sters get full performance* from Dynatec's Junior Binding (£70)*. As bindings become less constricting, boots are increasingly reinforced, a *good example being the* NorthWave Lamm (£190), which has an inner-boot like a ski-boot liner. Looks aside, Burton Freecarve (£225)* gives *the ultimate in reinforcement* for freecarving. They say it's comfortable to walk in, but it looks like a ski boot to me. Best-looking boot on the mar*ket has to be Flow's Swell Boot* (£180)*. It has phenomenal heel retention, looks like a *high-top* basketball shoe, and is built for cliffs and carving.

CLOTHING

I like a company, which says what it means. And what I *would most like to be wearing* this winter is Chromaphobia, in black and white. The 55 Degree Jacket (£259)* and Mountain Pant (£189)* are worthy *of their Canadian heri*tage. This is tough, technical clothing with an unbelievable *two-year* guarantee. It's impossible to go wrong with Quicksilver — who *else* would have come up with Levis Revenge (£189)*, waterproof, *breathable snowpants* designed to look like jeans. Quicksilver's Original Sin Jacket £259* is loaded with technical features and one of the best-looking *garments.*

Women will want to check out Kurvz, American gear designed by women snowboarders and the Prom line, from Swag. Swag's Ladies Luna Jacket (£109)* is full featured, but very reasonable in price. *Kurvz's* Dianna Tech Jacket (£196)* is as function-specific as the name suggests, and with the Dianna Tech Bib Pant (£196)*, featuring a "rear bathroom zipper for quick use", really makes a go-anywhere outfit.

ACCESSORIES

Snowboarders who feel the cold should consider the Thaw Snowboard Longjohn (£29)*. Aside from the cool colours — bulldozer, demon and gun dog — the knees are padded with extra *material. Look at any* snowboarder's gloves and you'll see why they call us "shredders". Columbia's basic snowboard glove (£40)* has *reinforced fingers and a wat*erproof, breathable shell, a lot of glove for the money. Burton's Universe Glove (£60)* is more expensive, the palm area *is reinforced.*

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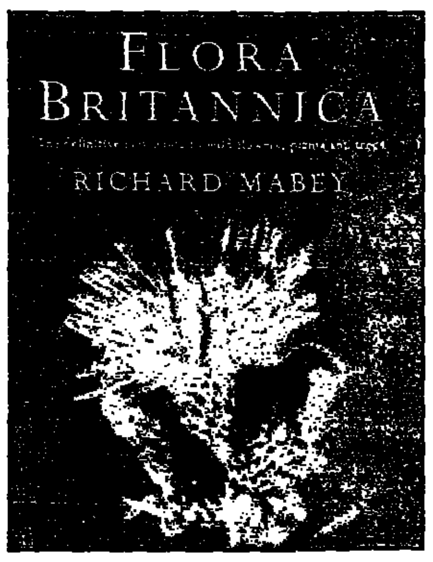

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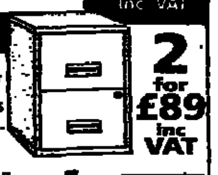

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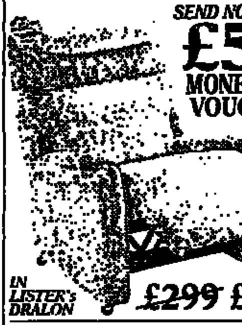

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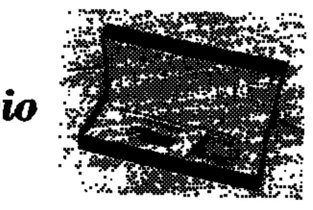

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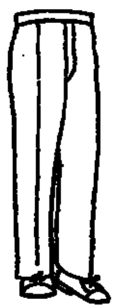

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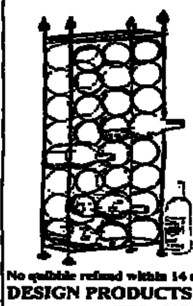

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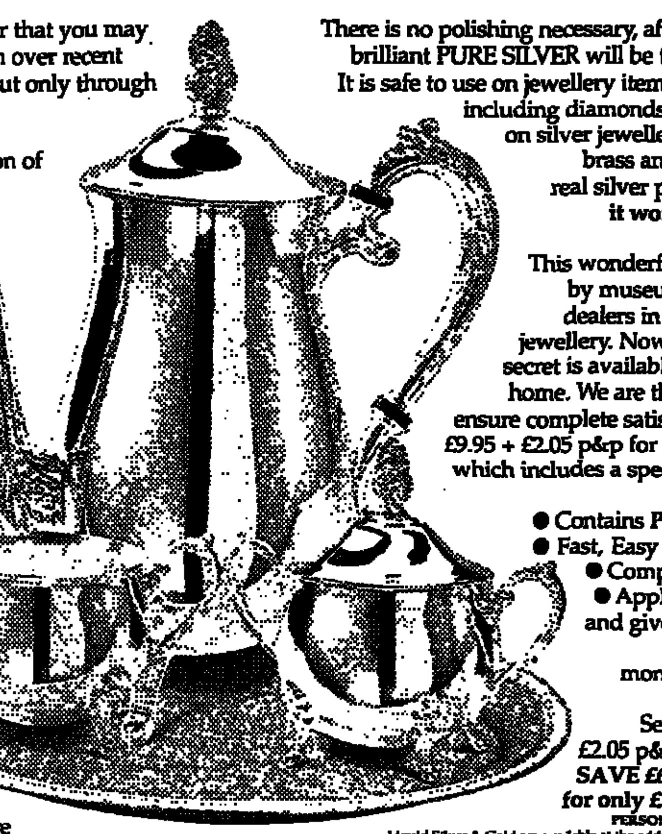

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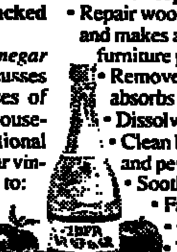

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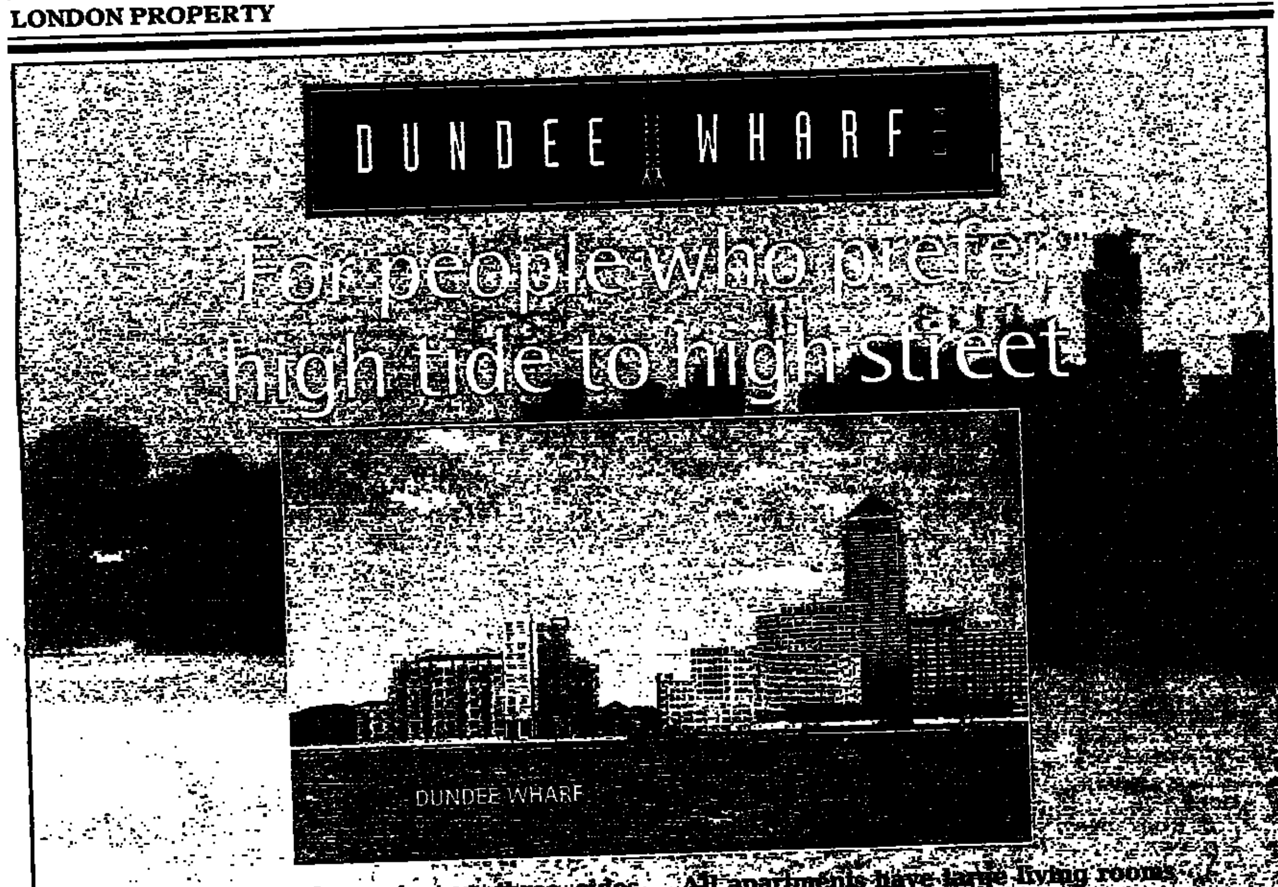

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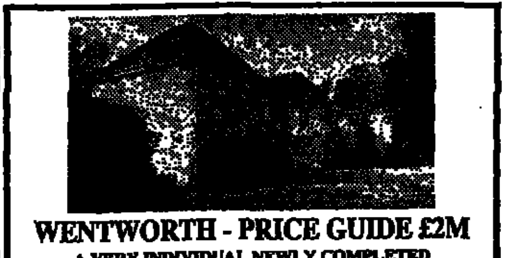

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First-time buyers back on the scene

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Low interest rates, affordable house prices and falling unemployment are encouraging first-time buyers to get a foothold on the home-ownership ladder.

With so many people stuck *in the negative equity trap*, many first-time buyers have waited up to six years, often *staying with their parents*, for signs that prices have stopped falling. But now, with evidence that the market *is moving*, they are house-hunting in earnest, taking advantage of special mortgage deals. These can slash monthly repayments for up to three years and provide "cashbacks" for furniture and legal fees.

The Halifax Building Society is even offering a guarantee to first-timers that protects against negative equity. If the home-owner decides to move between five and ten years after taking out the mortgage and is in negative equity, the *Halifax will* sell the property and fully repay the mortgage.

The new generation of first-time buyers are older — most are in their late twenties — and many have a sizeable financial *cushion behind them*. Most will not buy unless they are confident about job security, say *building societies*.

They are right to be cautious. New home owners who *lose their jobs and cannot* pay their mortgage get no help from the state for the first nine *months. However*, only one *in* five borrowers takes out payment protection insurance offered by lenders, often because they cannot afford the extra cost, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

Barry Naisbitt, an economist with the Abbey National, says: "In 1982 more than one in three home-buyers were making their first purchase before the age of 24. Today, the number of young buyers is much lower. Uncertainty about jobs has held younger people back. Now that unemployment is falling and more jobs are being created, they are more confident about buying their first home."

Few first-timers need 100 per cent mortgages, as was the case in the housing boom of the late 1980s, when many young buyers, hit by rising *interest rates, found they had* borrowed more than they could afford to pay back, *leading to a flood of repossessions.* These days most have saved a deposit of between 5 *and 15 per cent.*

They can afford to be more selective, bypassing new starter-homes, hard-to-sell studios and one-bedroom flats in favour of larger properties suitable for raising a family.

According to the TSB, the cost of buying a home is at its most affordable level since 1978. Its affordability index shows that a typical house-buyer in 1990 would spend £71.30 from each £100 of take-home pay for the average home loan. Now buyers spend just £25.40 on their mortgage out of every £100 he or she takes home. Estate agents believe that the shortage of well-located houses on the market in many areas is *leading to increased competition* and rising prices.

Hugh Dunsmore Hardy, chief executive of the National Association of Estate Agents, says: "First-time buyers are back, but their *requirements have changed*. They will often buy older houses in need of modernisation but are competing with those who have left the market and decided to move back in. That adds to the shortage of three-bedroom pre-1960 houses." According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the average price paid by first-time buyers nationwide is £45,000, which buys a new two-bedroom terraced house in Plymouth or a three-bedroom semi in Greater Manchester. In Greater London, the average is around £65,000, which provides a two-bedroom flat or a small terraced house in cheaper suburbs, such as Catford.

With favoured parts of central London showing price rises of almost 10 per cent in the past six months, many first-time buyers are having to compromise on area and Notting Hill, South Kensington, Fulham, Hampstead, Primrose Hill and Belsize Park are beyond the reach of most young buyers. Hilary Wade of London estate agents Winkworth says: "Younger buyers want to be near smart shops and restaurants. Popular areas are Hackney and Stoke Newington, bordering Islington; North Kensington and Shepherd's Bush, neighbouring Notting Hill; Clerkenwell, close to Covent Garden, Soho and Islington."

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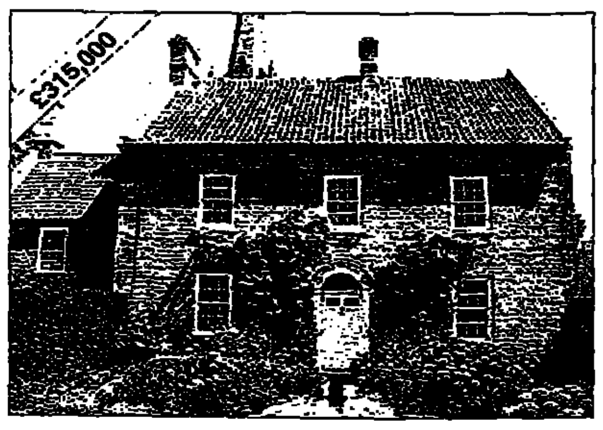

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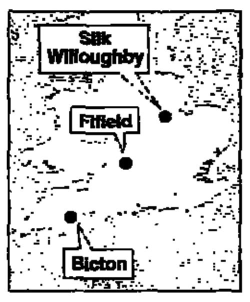

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- Find out if there are any *potential* sources of noise or air pollution nearby, such as major roads, rubbish dumps, railway *lines, airports, pubs, school*-playgrounds, factories, dairies, quarries or goods yards.
- *Reduce conflict* with neighbours. Opt for a house with space out of sight to repair a car.
- Find out about car parking. Parking problems can contribute to road accidents, car theft and disputes between neighbours. There may not be enough space for two-car households and visitor parking, especially in streets of terraced housing or busy main roads.
- Consider the layout of the property. A kitchen at the front of the house means you can't keep an eye on children in the back garden *while you are washing up*. Open-planning can make small homes seem spacious, but may not suit families with *teenagers who want privacy*. Separate living and dining rooms mean different activities can go on at the same *time, but rooms* can be small and dark. Integral garages and hallways sometimes produce L-shaped rooms which are difficult to furnish. If the only way out is through the living room, it could be messy to take out the rubbish.
- Check that the property is safe. Avoid winding stairs and tapering treads. Closely spaced banisters will stop children slipping through. Windows should have locks to prevent small children falling out and burglars breaking in. Is there space in the kitchen to *rest hot pans? The kitchen door should* be well away from the cooker. Badly installed or poorly maintained boilers can produce poisonous gas — stained or damaged appliances and a smell of fumes are warning *signs*.
- Get your surveyor to check if the property has been rewired in the past 15 years. There should be circuit breakers at mains supply and enough electrical sockets to avoid trailing wires around.
- Ask to see fuel bills. A well-insulated property will cost less to heat, but it must have good ventilation to prevent condensation. Front doors leading directly into living rooms, large areas of north-facing single-glazed windows and conservatories that *cannot be separated from other rooms in the winter all put up heating bills.*
- Take account of daylight. North-facing windows receive no direct sunlight. Shallow *rooms* are more likely to be well lit than deep narrow ones.
- Check the garden. Steeply sloping gardens, and ponds, can be difficult to maintain and dangerous for children. Walls and fences with lockable gates prevent children and animals straying, but shade a small garden. North-facing gardens lack direct sunlight. Large trees close to the house can cause subsidence.
- Establish whether there is a long-term management structure in place, if you are buying a house or flat on a lease. *Ideally, each owner will be given a* share in the management company who will ultimately own the freehold and control service charges.

WARNINGS: MAKE SURE YOU DON'T . . .

- Buy a house or a flat without seeking professional advice. Take advice about the structural condition of the property you hope to buy before handing over the money. A home-buyers' report, which includes a condi*tion survey* and a valuation fee, costs between £250 and £500. If you are buying an older house a full structural survey is advisable. Engage an independent solicitor before you make an offer on a property.
- Buy a property that will attract crime. Check that the position of porches, *extensions*, garages, balconies and drain pipes do not provide an easy *climbing route for burglars*. Houses backing onto open ground, railway em*bankments*, woods and footpaths, all make it easier for thieves to break in. Many *insurers insist on window* locks and extra door locks.
- Buy a house or flat on a busy road if you have young children and there is not a secure space for them to play.
- Buy a property in need of modernisation if you don't want to spend your leisure time doing it up, and you *can't afford* to pay a *builder* to do the work. People tend to underestimate the work and *cost involved in making* an old house habitable.
- Buy a flat in an old building, if you are worried about noise. Noise is worse in flat conversions, with poor sound insulation. Noise from common facilities and upstairs flats can be a nuisance. *Make sure bedrooms and* living rooms are away from shared entrances, corridors, lifts and rubbish chutes.
- Buy a house with a large garden if you don't want to spend weekends pulling up weeds and mowing the lawn.
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Big rooms make pubs great places to live, with or without customers, as increasing numbers of buyers are finding out

A free house becomes home

This pub was sold for under £90,000

This time last year John de Noia was working for a construction company in New York. Now he is the new host at the Wheatsheaf Inn at Titchfield in Hampshire. He bought the pub a few months ago with his wife Adrienne. "We wanted to work for ourselves," says Mr de Noia whose grandmother ran a bar in Manhattan for 30 years.

The couple have two large bedrooms for their children, a smaller bedroom for themselves and a sitting room of about 16ft by 14ft. There is also a long function room which they are not yet sure what to do with. It may end up being converted into two bedrooms for bed and breakfast.

Mr de Noia says: "We looked at ten pubs but the appeal of this one was its age (about 200 years), its character and the fact that the garden was the right size and can hold six tables. We also wanted a place we could put our stamp on and we felt that this was it."

The De Noias are just two of the thousands of people who have bought into the pub trade over the years and are realistic about the work involved. For those who are not, caution is advised. "It's a hellishly hard occupation and standards are rising all the time. But the first thing to consider is what it will be like being with your partner for 24 hours a day", says Colin Wellstead, *national public house* director of Christie & Co which currently has about a thousand pubs all over the country on its books. *Some* 200 *of those are disposals by the pub company* Phoenix Inns.

Mr Wellstead places pubs into three price bands. Those at £50,000-£150,000 generally attract people who have never owned a pub before, he says, while those between £150,000-£300,000 tend to go to buyers who have already had experience of the licensed trade either as managers, tenants or owners. Most properties above £300,000 are sold to brewers and pub companies.

Adam Lansdown at the Edinburgh office of Robert Barry has seen successes and disappointment amongst those who buy into the trade. He says: "People still have a dream about pubs and I think there's a fair proportion of them who make a fantastic success out of running one. Those who might struggle are the ones who buy too small in terms *of turnover — less than* £80,000 a year — and don't have the support of a second income. They're not quite busy enough to have staff to help them, they can be tied seven days a week and they're working as well as running the business."

A number of pubs go to people for residential use (see case study) and according to David Tooley, chief reporter of the *The Licensee and Morning Advertiser*, that can be a judicious way of buying a home.

In certain areas where property prices are high it's probably cheaper for people to get a pub and convert it than actually buying a house. The space is a big attraction as well, but be aware that some councils may object to a change of use because they see the pub as a community asset, he says. *The Licensee and Morning Advertiser*, one of the newspapers of the licensed trade, has a property section every Monday.

James Grimes at Fleurets in London says that a lot of work may have to be done to convince the planners that a change of use from pub to residential is desirable. Nevertheless, he says there is definitely a niche market developing here.

The buyers tend to have a pretty good idea about what to do with the buildings and they will end up with a home with lots of space, including a basement, and usually plenty of character. The areas where this market is most noticeable are the up and coming parts of east London — Poplar, Clerkenwell and Hackney — where you can pick up pubs cheaper than in other areas of the capital. It's also happening in East Anglia where there seems to be an over supply of pubs, he says.

Fleurets has more than 400 pubs for sale in England and Wales ranging from £50,000 upwards. One place on the market, which Mr Grimes feels is a possible candidate for conversion is the thatched Duke's Head in Heath and Reach near Leighton Buzzard which comes with two bars, an inglenook fireplace, three double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, garden and car park. The price is £140,000.

The Shergar at Peckham in south London is also on Fleurets' books. It is next to Victorian terraced houses and is priced at £128,000. The property has three bedrooms and a sitting room upstairs. Downstairs there is a bar, a games room and a kitchen. Sidney Phillips in Hereford is another company which specialises in the pub sales. Currently the firm has almost 1,000 pubs for sale, all over the country and most are in the £100,000-£250,000 price bracket. Eighty per cent are country pubs.

The Edinburgh office of Robert Barry has 24 pubs for sale in Scotland and the north of England including a village pub near Ayr with a 250-seater function room and six bedrooms, all with showers or bathrooms. The asking price is £200,000.

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ADRIAN SHERRATT

Julia Hember outside the Ship and Blue Ball pub in Shoreditch, east London, which she is converting into flats with her brothers

ROOM AT THE INN

JULIA HEMBER will be celebrating Christmas in her own pub. By then the builders should have finished converting the Ship and Blue Ball in Shoreditch, London, into three flats with a photographic studio in the bar and a graphic design studio in the cellar.

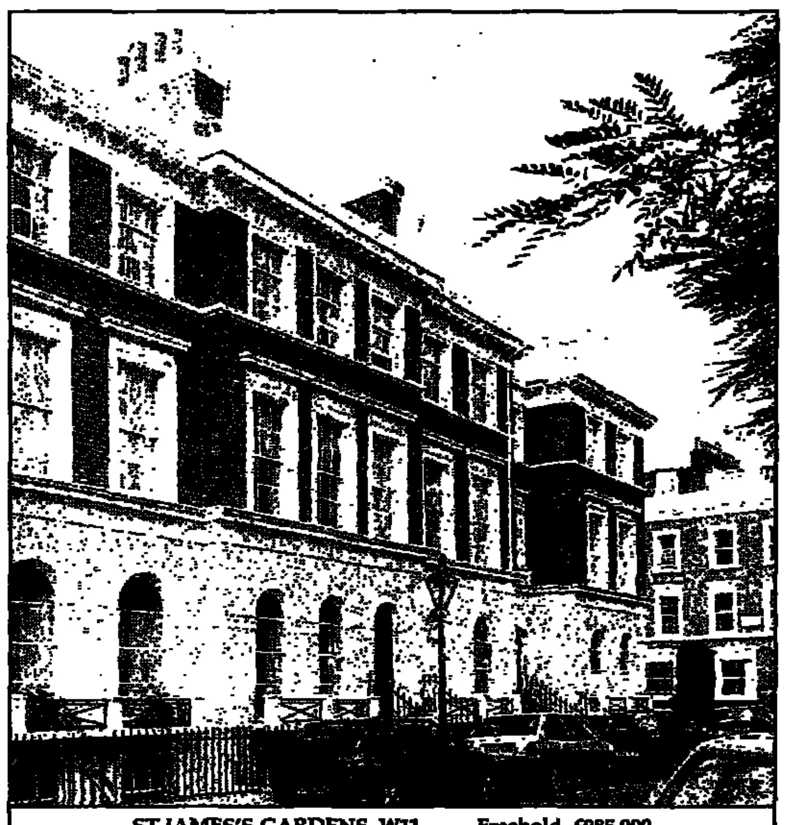
Pubs were at the top of her list *when Miss Hember, a freelance* photographer, started looking for new living and work space. With the help of her father, Paul, she went to Christie & Co, specialists *in the field of pub sales. They* looked at eight properties.

"For the amount of space you get they're very good value. If there's accommodation upstairs pubs are not that difficult to convert," she says. Her venture is a joint one with brothers Simon, Marcus and Miles.

The cost was just under the asking price of £90,000 and Paul Hember thinks another £50,000 *will be needed for conversion.* This for a four-storey property (plus basement) with 700sq ft of space on each floor, a stone's throw from the City and nestling *within a creative community. The* Hembers got planning permission for the conversion before buying. "It's a Victorian pub with arched windows and tiles on the outside. We're keeping those but removing fittings from the bar because they're not wonderful. Then we'll cut an area out of the bar floor so you can see into the basement," says Miss Hember.

The old bar has a 13ft high ceiling and plenty of light. Access to the basement will be by a Victorian cast iron spiral *staircase bought from an architectural* reclamation firm.

The three flats will each have two bedrooms, a sitting room, kitchen and bathroom. They will *be reached by a different entrance* from the studios. Two of the flats will be rented out. "I think this is a pretty good investment," Miss Hember says.



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A Vet Writes

Cuts that can kill

A little blood goes a long way. Like milk. Drop a bottleful and it looks as if a cow has burst. The red stuff's worse and spreads further. Ten to 12 per cent of body weight — animals or humans — is blood. A healthy, 12-stone man can spare a pint, or even two, for the Blood Transfusion Service without ill-effects. He has about 15 pints altogether.

A medium-sized dog — 30lb — has nearly three pints of blood and a 1oz canary less than a teaspoonful. When Fido cuts his pad, a few ounces of blood can make a terrible mess on the rug but there's no danger of bleeding to death. But if a canary breaks a nail and sheds 50 drops of blood, that's life-threatening.

Whenever blood is shed it's useful to know how much. Enough to be critical — or not. Every vet has met a lively and cheerful, bloodstained white miniature poodle with a cut pad and an insistence that he's lost at least two pints of blood. Convincing the distressed owner that only an ounce of blood has been shed and losing even one pint would result in the dog bleeding to death can take longer than bandaging the invalid's foot. And over-assessment of blood loss is not confined to doting pet keepers. I was once called by the police to a dog "with his throat cut". On arrival, a bedraggled white terrier was sitting in the shade shaking his head. He had been in a fight and had been bitten on the tip of his ear, which was bleeding. Every time he shook his head, a thin red line of blood splashed the white hair of his throat.

Blood clots, and so most bleeding, is self-limiting but any First Aid to reduce blood loss — and keep the car and carpets clean — is helpful. Bandaging deals with most cut legs, feet, ears and tails. Always include the foot. A tight bandage halfway up the leg can cut off the blood supply to the foot and gangrene could develop in less than 24 hours. Including the foot evens out the pressure.

For the same reason tourniquets should be reserved for severe haemorrhage — when the blood is pumping out — and then for only a few minutes at a time. If a tourniquet is necessary, a trip to the vet is urgent.

If a small or medium-sized dog is put on a table or slippery draining board while he's being bandaged, life is much easier. The dog stays still — he can't get a grip. The first-aider is much more efficient, working in a natural position, rather than crawling around the floor.

JAMES ALLCOCK

PET NEWS

Charity says lend me your ears

IT'S A never-ending search finding suitable dogs for training as Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and the charity has asked Pet News to help. Heather Chute, fundraiser, says: "Hearing dogs are not specially bred but selected from rescue organisations or given by breeders and pet owners. "All kinds of dog (up to three years old) are suitable for assessment, except working collies and large guard-dog breeds. Most are small or medium-size mongrels." If you can help contact Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, London Road, Lewknor, Oxfordshire OX9 5RY (01844 353898).

Cat lovers' hairy problem

BECOMING the owner of a Persian cat is not something to rush into. A new book on the breed warns: "Persians can be quite demanding. If you are not prepared to spend a good deal of time grooming, then a Persian is not the pet for you, nor are they ideal for people intolerant of cat hairs." A section on bathing recommends getting your Persian used to having a bath as a kitten and advises that, with adult cats, two people should tackle the task while talking gently to the reluctant bather. *Persian Cats*, by Marianne Mays, is published by Kingdom Books at £10.95 (01705 268122).

The softly softly approach

IS YOUR pet frightened of loud noises? A £15 therapy tape has thunder, gunfire and even noisy lawn mowers on it. The idea is to start playing it softly at first, fussing your pet at the same time. Over a period, increase the sound gradually. The tape is available from The Company of Animals, PO Box 23, Chertsey, Surrey (01932 566696).

Fur goodness sake . . .

WE CHALLENGED readers to produce a better pet joke than the ones in *The Awfully Good Cat Joke Book* and had to suffer a postbag which included this offering from D.J. Curtis of Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, Grantham, Lincolnshire: "Did you hear that the cat food factory has gone bust?" "Yes, they've called in the retrievers." *The Awfully Good Cat Joke Book*, by David Jacobs & Trevor Dunton, is published by Metro Publishing at £4.99 (0171-734 6766).

JACK CROSSLEY

The art of getting a streetwise city dog to adapt to the new pleasures of the countryside

COLIN SHEPHERD

Beau the labrador and Saffie the Jack Russell love rolling in silage and badger droppings. Yet the countryside is full of traps for dogs and vigilance is the only solution

The hazardous call of the wild

Beauregard, our labrador, was never very keen on London. Large dogs do not fit neatly into the urban environment, even in the largest cities, and when we swapped his twice a day romp in the dog pound of South Park for the wide open spaces of Wiltshire, Beau and his chum Saffie, our Jack Russell bitch, found themselves in Hound Heaven — at least for a while. Then we discovered that the country, like the town, sets certain rules for dogs.

The first thing to realise is that, with the possible exception of working dogs such as sheep dogs, gun dogs and foxhounds, dogs are not really welcome in the countryside. They can upset sheep and scare nesting game birds, trample crops and attract the unwelcome attention of cattle. This last can be alarming if you are out with your dog and find yourself on the receiving end of a stampede. Even sticking to well-marked footpaths is no guarantee of a problem-free walk, unless you are strong enough to heave 100lb of wriggling labrador over a succession of stiles.

The first rule for any newcomer or visitor to the countryside is to keep dogs on a lead until all the hazards have been assessed and allowed for. City-bred dogs go back to their primeval roots in the countryside and the dog that trots obediently around the Serpentine in London can turn into a different animal on Salisbury Plain. Retrievers start retrieving and present you with the corpses of long dead rats. German shepherds start rounding up sheep, and the sheep do not like it. The call of the wild is powerful, even for well-trained pets.

We have got used to second guessing Beau and Saffie, but every walk is still an exercise in assessing the potential problems that lie along the way. Beauregard, in spite of regular rebuffs, remains convinced that the whole world is his friend and still races off to investigate new sights and smells — especially smells — and returns in his own good time, sometimes pursued by an outraged landowner.

Walks along the Kennet and Avon Canal, chosen for excursions as a farmer-free zone, have had to be curtailed after several fishermen lost all their gentles (wriggling worms), which provided Beau with a tasty snack, or were almost bounced into the canal by his high-speed arrival. Fishermen are not noted for their sense of humour and we will not be back along the canal until the fishing season is over. Beau is, I admit, remarkably bouncy.

Apart from the risk of upsetting the locals, the countryside is not without its dangers. Many farms and farmyards are a tangle of rusting wire and derelict machinery, where poison left for vermin is equally dangerous for dogs, but one of the main hazards are swamps of rotting straw or silage pits. Beau adores slurry pits. One sniff of rotting silage and he plunges in at high speed, scattering silage in all directions, before enjoying a satisfying roll.

This is bad enough for a large labrador but is downright hazardous for a small Jack Russell. Saffie who, like all Jack Russells, tends to be feisty and has to do anything Beau does, is usually hot on his tail in the run up to a silage pit. Unfortunately, silage that Beau can wade through submerges Saffie completely, and she has to be hauled out and marched to the nearest tap for a good hosing down, or carried home at arms length and scrubbed clean in the sink. Saffie is currently being scrubbed clean two or three times a week, and she does not like it at all.

Then there is the little matter of ghastly smells, brought home by the pets after a long, luxurious roll in fox or badger droppings. Unpleasant as they are to humans, especially when translated onto the carpet, our dogs love to roll in fox or badger do and come bounding up afterwards, grinning from ear to ear. I have been told that this is a relic of their hunting instinct, a way of disguising their own scent from prey, but since neither Beau nor Saffie has ever hunted anything other than Pedigree Chum, I find this a pretty thin excuse.

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The countryside is also full of more lethal hazards. Every year scores of Jack Russells vanish down badger setts and into rabbit warrens, are trapped underground and never seen again. This fate befell the Prince of Wales's much-loved Jack Russell, Pooh, but Jack Russells are relentless rabbiters and like nothing better than a bit of underground exploration. Jack Russells with undocked tails seem particularly at risk underground because, with a long tail, they find it difficult to turn round in a narrow tunnel and get out again. Far better, then, to stop them going below, but many burrows lurk out of sight in hedgerows so, constant vigilance or getting them on a lead when rabbits are about.

Traps are another danger to the questing hound. Only last week, running about on the edge of a cornfield, Saffie ran her head into a wire snare. Fortunately, she did not struggle and sat there until Beauregard found her and brought us up to let her loose, but the dangers of strangling in snares is yet another risk dogs run in the countryside.

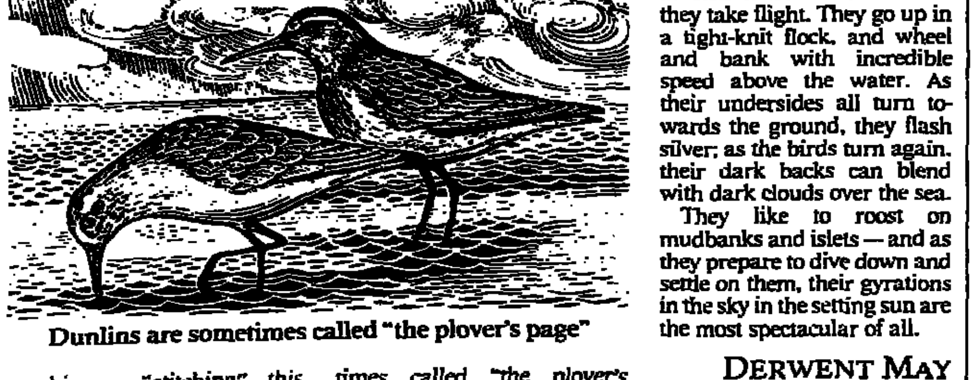
Anyone who imagines the country life as one of endless tranquillity has never moved there with dogs. For peace of mind we have evolved our own Country Code for Dogs and the rules, though simple, are well worth following.

- The dog must be under control at all times, and never out of sight.
- Keep the dog on a lead when near sheep, cattle or horse riders.
- Stay out of farmyards and keep the dogs out of farm buildings.
- Buy a 1:25,000 scale map — one that shows field boundaries — and stick to marked tracks. If a path runs though a field full of sheep, choose another one.
- Train the dog to respond at once to a call or a whistle.
- Introduce the dog to neighbours and other local people; if it wanders off they will bring it home again.

Keeping to these few simple rules should ensure a trouble-free time in the country. Most of the time country living is a joy. In spite of the hazards, our dogs are much fitter gambolling along the hedgerows than they were cooped up in South Park. They are much happier in the country and if we can get them to follow the rules we will be happy too.

ROBIN NEILLANDS

Feather Report



Dunlins are sometimes called "the plover's page"

AS THE holidaymakers leave the seaside, the waders arrive. In the last few weeks, millions of these shore-haunting birds have been landing on the coasts of Britain from as far away as northern Canada and Siberia. Some of them will stay here all the winter, some of them linger by the waves for a few weeks while they are moulting, some pass swiftly on southwards.

The most numerous of them all are the dunlins. They are small birds, about seven inches long, that run along the tideline with twinkling feet. Crustacea and worms are nearest to the surface of the sand where the small waves break and retreat. A dunlin will peck in the shallow water, then dart forward as it spots another morsel of food. At other times it will probe the sand, either slowly or with the speed of a needle on a sewing machine — "stitching", this has been called.

More difficult to distinguish is the curlew sandpiper. The main difference is that these little birds have curved beaks, like a miniature curlew, while the dunlin's beak is usually straight. Dunlins are sometimes called "the plover's page", because they have a habit of standing behind a golden plover when the two are feeding together. The plovers, who are nervous, probably serve as useful watchmen for the dunlins. In fact it is the large plovers who are the "servants". The dunlins, like many other waders, are seen at their most dramatic when they take flight. They go up in a tight-knit flock, and wheel and bank with incredible speed above the water. As their undersides all turn towards the ground, they flash silver; as the birds turn again, their dark backs can blend with dark clouds over the sea.

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Through a test-tube, darkly

Gill Hornby hears the case in fiction against the modern miracle of in-vitro fertilisation

I HAD a certain image of Jane Asher, actress, master-baker, perfect wife and mother: squeaky-clean, wholesome, elegant and poised. And I had similar expectations of an Asher novel: squeaky-clean, wholesome, etc — and, surely, it would have an Aga or two. So it is a little surprising to open *The Longing* and find the first scene is a description of male masturbation. Is she another A. A. Gill? Are necrophilia and bestiality about to follow?

Well, no. This masturbation is actually as respectable and middle-class as masturbation can be. Michael — the masturbator — is in a fertility clinic in Harley Street, trying to come up with a specimen in a test-tube, while Juliet, his wife, is having her eggs removed upstairs. After years of childlessness, the Evanses are starting in-vitro fetilisation treatment.

IVF has brought hope, and, indeed, children, to thousands of unlucky couples: it is a modern miracle. But Asher is not looking on the bright side. Her novel is a powerful evocation not only of the pressures of infertility on an outwardly perfect couple, but also the pressures of fertility treatment on the psyche. The most important passage in the book is the description of the doctor introducing Michael's sperm to Juliet's egg: "All one had to do was to choose and join up the components in a glorious pick'n'mix and then stand back and watch the miracle of creation take place." And that confusion between the role of man and that of deity has a disastrous impact.

■ THE LONGING
By Jane Asher
HarperCollins, £14.99
ISBN 0 00 225019 5

Asher: moral concerns

Juliet gradually loses her faith in everything — husband, marriage, future — and replaces it with a demented and hysterical attachment to the doctor who is treating her. It begins with her enjoying her internal examinations. Soon, she is round at his home throwing out his girlfriend. And then, with the final descent into madness, she steals another woman's baby from a pram and disappears.

IVF is now a subject of such importance to so many that it is time it made its way into fiction. This thought-provoking, polished and professional first novel is definitely a presentation of the case against.

The ignorant objections of Juliet's mother are obviously meant to be comic ("Test-tubes — there certainly wasn't anything like that in my day"); Jane Asher's real concern is for the moral haziness that surrounds the issue. And from one couple's hopeful trip to a smart clinic, she spins a modern tale of gothic horror.

Richard Stott on the horse-whisperer to the royals

Out for a stroll and a chat: Monty Roberts with one of the Queen's horses at Windsor

Talking horse sense

■ THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES
By Monty Roberts
Hutchinson, £16.99
ISBN 0 09 180206 7

IF ONLY the Queen had heard of Monty Roberts earlier, how different the lives of our own dear Royal Family might have been.

Roberts is a horse whisperer, a trainer who breaks in young colts and fillies, persuading them to accept saddle, bridle, bit and rider. He does this by speaking their language. No nastiness, no pain, no halters. Just learn to speak Horse. The Queen heard of Roberts in 1988 and invited him to Windsor to break (Roberts hates the word) some of her wayward youngsters. She should not have stopped at the horses.

Roberts learnt Horse, or "Equus" as he calls it, by studying wild mustangs in Nevada and seeing how an elderly mare dealt with a troublesome young male. In a complex ritual of body language he discovered how to win the trust and eventual acquiescence of the most troublesome young thing.

Now it does not take a genius to see the ironies for our own matriarch here. If only she had learnt "Diana" or "Fergie", she could have taught them to be part of her herd, to accept the rein and bridle by gently coaxing.

Roberts, a former rodeo rider from California, was brought up by a thug of a father who broke horses in the traditional, brutal way. He rebelled against these methods and was soundly beaten for doing so. His life has been a constant battle to convince people that his methods really work and this book contains some wonderful vignettes of his adventures along the way.

The final picture of the Queen is her sitting alone at a table set for two in the middle of a vast lawn at Windsor Castle. Snaking away from the table was a long white cable. When Roberts arrived, the Queen pressed a button at the end of the cable and tea was served.

Did she, in this splendid isolation, think of asking him about daughter-in-law whispering? Roberts, would have had the answer. As he says: "We all want the well-behaved, happy horse at the conclusion. The horse should not be traumatised and should elect to stay with you rather than go away."

A must for all also-rans in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

Blocks off the old chip

THE night before I started reading *Children*, *Panorama* showed a heartbreaking exposé of one couple's hopeless efforts to shake off the shadows of their own childhood and learn to be better parents to their already doomed four-year-old son, Peter. No one who saw it could be in any doubt that parenting is, all too literally, a hit-and-miss affair.

So it was with a sense almost of déjà vu that I turned first to David Mamet's tiny story, *Soul Murder*, which offers a fleeting glimpse of a mother and her three children waiting at a station. She treats two of the children with love and gentleness, the third with coldness and harsh words, and induces an overwhelming sense of despair at being unable to intervene. It was a relief to turn next to Adam Mars-Jones's affectionate portrait of his mother in *Blind Bitter Happiness*, for here is a woman who overcame her own bleak childhood to be a fulfilled and loving parent.

Some contributions tend to the twee, and several are oddly tasteless, such as Blake Morrison's *Doctors and Nurses* or Susan Swan's *Sluts*.

■ CHILDREN: Blind Bitter Happiness
Granta, £7.99
ISBN 0 903141 02 7

In fact, this collection seems disproportionately sex-obsessed, so that a book which purports to evoke "what it was like to be that lost personality in a vanished time, a child" serves sometimes to depress rather than uplift.

But there are plenty of compensations. In *Eternal Love*, Karen E. Bender courageously explores the anxieties of a loving mother who must come to terms with her backward daughter's marriage to an equally slow-witted man. And in *Arithmetic Town*, Todd McEwen climbs convincingly inside the skin of a boy struggling with his maths homework: "I started to get real mad and I also had to go to the bathroom but, if I opened the door, Dad would be on me like a German shepherd, Are you finished? . . . Say, he'd think, let's just go into the kid's room and see if he's having any fun by mistake?" That's more like it.

SALLY BAKER

Heart and home

IN BRIEF

■ THE BEND FOR HOME
By Dermot Healy
Harvill, £14.99
ISBN 1 86046 081 X

DERMOT HEALY'S evocative work — part memoir and part writer's notebook — describes his childhood in Westmeath, where his father was a village policeman, and the family's subsequent move to a larger town, where Healy's mother and aunt ran a café and bakery. The narrative in these sections fluctuates between factual account and more elliptical, dreamlike passages, in which actual incidents are seen through the distorting glass of memory, or reconstituted as fiction.

The second half of the book describes the writer's return to his childhood home to care for his dying mother. She gives him a diary dating from 1962 — the year his father died — and he is able to revisit this half-forgotten period of his life, and relive the gauche but sometimes passionate emotions of his formative years.

■ STILL LIVES
By Christopher Bigsby
Constable, £15.99
ISBN 0 09 476450 6

INSPIRED by the life of the American photographer, Lee Miller, Christopher Bigsby's novel offers a panoramic view of 20th-century history. London in the Blitz, France after the Liberation and the horrors of Buchenwald are all captured by his protagonist Sylvia Kayle's camera lens. Interspersed are episodes from Sylvia's personal life. Her troubled childhood in the Midwest is followed by a spell in Paris, and later by a posting to London, where she falls in love. Bigsby's rendering of these and the book's more famous events is sensitively done, but there are times when one feels he has stayed rather too close to the facts of his subject's life for the book to work as fiction, not reportage.

CHRISTINA KONING

From the origins of signs to the Army recruitment office

Clash of symbols, a bang on the drum

RICHLY presented, **The Illustrated Book of Signs & Symbols** by Miranda Bruce Mitford (Dorling Kindersley, £14.99 ISBN 0 7513 5428 7) is irresistible to anyone interested in mysterious and meaningful symbols. Listing thousands of historical and cultural signs, this fascinating book records their origins in art, religion, literature and psychology with helpful cross-referencing. Here, the single rose is identified not so much as the emblem of passionate love or the Labour party, but a sign that all confidences are to be held secret, hence the central ceiling rose of Victorian architecture.

TEENAGE

Stark social realism has been the trademark of Theresa Breslin's previous novels. **Death Or Glory Boys** (Methuen £11.99, ISBN 0 416 19346 3) tackles issues of war and peace while reading like a thriller. Out shopping with giggling friends when a terrorist blows up a nearby shop, Sarah attends an Army careers lecture and, much to the horror of pacifist friend, Phil, joins the Officer Cadet Corps.

With Cal, the terrorist, planning more bombings and the cadets placed on standby, one marvels at Sarah's capacity to quote First World War poets while debating the modern army's peacekeeping role and delivering skippable recruitment-style lectures. "Glow" by the way is cadet slang for "good-looking or what?".

King-Smith: wildlife battle

For generations of young children, Dick King-Smith's well informed affinity with animals and nature has been a boon. In **Godhanger** (Doubleday £9.99, ISBN 0 385 407785), he writes for older readers, allowing scope for a relatively unsentimentalised wildlife story. The shooting of a doe rabbit, whose "warm innards . . . wriggled and slid uneasily" into the brambles, sets the scene in hard focus as the brutal forces of rural conservation, represented by a rogue gamekeeper, are set against the articulated counsels of a huge, alert and mysterious bird who leads the beleaguered wildlife in a deadly battle for survival. Like Jack London's *Call of the Wild*, *Godhanger*, with its classical wood engravings by Andrew Davidson, has the genuine stamp of animal biography.

The icy aura of bizarre and threatening peril that hung about the works of Mervyn Peake has never quite been equalled. Based on *Titus Groan* from the *Gormenghast* trilogy, his story **Boy in Darkness** (Hodder £9.99, ISBN 0 340 68323 6), opens with Titus at 14, "in need of hateful things" and escaping his primordial home for "one tremendous day of insurrection".

What he encounters — a subterranean level ruled over by the blind and deceptively gentle Lamb who ritually "re-adjusts" humans into half beasts — will give this generation of horror fans a glimpse of what they could be missing. It is called eloquence, and Peake, who died in 1968, had it.

MAUREEN OWEN

Scotland the depraved

■ CHILDREN OF ALBION
Rebel Inc, £8.99
ISBN 0 862 41626 4

THIS raw, harrowing collection of stories is the first offering from Rebel Inc, a new imprint specialising in new Scottish writing and in reprints of underground classics.

The stories share a family resemblance. They are set principally in shadowy, depressed areas of Edinburgh and Glasgow. The characters are mostly young and are either unemployed or locked into a debilitating cycle of self-abuse. Drugs, football, depraved sex and pop music offer temporary respite from lives of diminished horizons and defeated purpose.

In Gordon Legge's poignant *Pop Life*, for instance, three former friends hold monthly meetings to discuss their favourite pop records. When one of them is injured in an industrial accident, they unhappily realise that their meetings were really a doomed attempt to recapture the elusive rhythms of their late adolescence.

In Alan Warner's *After the Vision*, the means of escape from drab reality for three young crematorium assistants is not music but drugs. In other stories it is deviance or sexual humiliation.

If there is a problem, it is that these writers are not rebellious enough: at least, they confuse unconventional subject matter with genuine mould-breaking experimentation and they seldom take risks with form.

Irvine Welsh's *The Rosewell Incident* is typical of the collection; indeed Welsh is the archetypal new Scottish writer, whose originality and power as a vernacular stylist is matched only by his unremitting desire to shock.

His story opens with two linked atrocities: a hammer is smashed into a youth's skull and a bored garage attendant has sex with two underage girls. Yet what at first seems mere self-indulgence deepens into something rich and unexpected as an alien spacecraft lands in Edinburgh.

JASON COWLEY

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The Times Bestseller List

HARDBACKS

		No weeks	Last week	Weekly sales
1	LONGITUDE **Dava Sobel** *(Fourth Estate, £12)*	6	3	2,538
2	EVENING CLASS **Maeve Binchy** *(Orion, £16.99)*	1	1	2,029
3	DEATH IS NOW MY NEIGHBOUR **Colin Dexter** *(Macmillan, £16.99)*	0	0	1,468
4	TO THE HILT **Dick Francis** *(Michael Joseph, £15.99)*	3	2	1,149
5	DALGLISH: MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY **Kenny Dalglish** *(Hodder, £16.99)*	1	20	802
6	THE NIGEL LAWSON DIET BOOK **Nigel Lawson** *(Michael Joseph, £12.99)*	0	0	802
7	MY NAME ESCAPES ME **Alec Guinness** *(Hamish Hamilton, £16)*	1	13	746
8	GREAT GRAMMAR BOOK **Jennie Maizels** *(Riverswift, £12.99)*	2	18	631
9	LETTERLAND ABC **Richard Carlisle** *(Nelson, £8.99)*	0	0	602
10	ICON **Frederick Forsyth** *(Bantam, £16.99)*	3	4	599
11	THE STORY OF BRITAIN **Roy Strong** *(Hutchinson, £35)*	1	10	568
12	THE BRANDED MAN **Catherine Cookson** *(Bantam, £16.99)*	3	11	513
13	DESPERATION **Stephen King** *(Hodder, £16.99)*	4	7	510
14	POPCORN **Ben Elton** *(Simon & Schuster, £12.99)*	10	14	503
15	FRIENDSHIP BOOK: 1997 **Francis Gay** *(D. C. Thomson, £4.25)*	0	0	463
16	GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS: 1997 *(Guinness, £15.99)*	0	0	462
17	ANTONIO CARLUCCIO'S ITALIAN FEAST **Antonio Carluccio** *(BBC, £16.99)*	1	6	455
18	INTEGRATED BUSINESS *(Heinemann Education, £9.99)*	0	0	452
19	THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES **Monty Roberts** *(Hutchinson, £16.99)*	0	0	421
20	THE BEANO BOOK: 1997 *(D. C. Thomson, £4.99)*	6	19	419

PAPERBACKS

		No weeks	Last week	Weekly sales
1	NOTES FROM A SMALL ISLAND **Bill Bryson** *(Black Swan, £6.99)*	9	1	2,664
2	CASTING OFF **Elizabeth Jane Howard** *(Pan, £6.99)*	0	0	2,653
3	THE OBSESSION **Catherine Cookson** *(Corgi, £5.99)*	3	5	1,804
4	WHIT **Iain Banks** *(Abacus, £6.99)*	2	2	1,584
5	THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE **Marie-Thérèse Bougard** *(BBC, £10.99)*	1	7	1,525
6	WINTER KING **Bernard Cornwell** *(Penguin, £5.99)*	3	3	1,461
7	FACON DE PARLER: PART 1 **Angela Aries** *(Headway, £8.99)*	1	16	1,440
8	THE HORSE WHISPERER **Nicholas Evans** *(Corgi, £5.99)*	18	4	1,423
9	MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR **Laurie J. Mullins** *(Pitman, £22.95)*	0	0	1,291
10	ESPANA VIVA **Derek Utley** *(BBC, £8.99)*	1	11	1,196
11	DEUTSCH PLUS **Reinhard Tenberg** *(BBC, £12.99)*	1	14	1,095
12	THE HIGHWAY CODE **Dept. of Transport** *(HMSO, £0.99)*	11	10	1,070
13	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM **Kate Atkinson** *(Black Swan, £6.99)*	38	0	1,011
14	HIGH FIDELITY **Nick Hornby** *(Indigo, £5.99)*	26	6	1,006
15	GREEN MILE 6: COFFEY ON THE MILE **Stephen King** *(Penguin, £1.99)*	4	8	1,004
16	HOPE **Len Deighton** *(HarperCollins, £5.99)*	2	19	973
17	PASOS 1: A FIRST COURSE IN SPANISH **Rosa Maria Martin** *(Hodder, £10.99)*	0	0	958
18	BEGINNING PSYCHOLOGY **Malcolm Hardy** *(OUP, £8.99)*	0	0	928
19	SOPHIE'S WORLD **Jostein Gaarder** *(Phoenix, £6.99)*	30	0	887
20	CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN **Louis de Bernières** *(Minerva, £6.99)*	0	0	881

This Times list monitored 41,845 titles representing high-street sales of £5.7 million during the week.

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Who reads Booker nominees?

WE WERE planning to publish this week the sales figures of books by the authors who appear on the Booker Prize shortlist, *Derwent May writes.* But when BookTrack came up with these figures for the week ending September 28, we found that in the 600 bookshops it monitors, only two of the shortlisted authors had sold any books at all among the top 5,000 titles of all kinds. These were Margaret Atwood and Beryl Bainbridge.

So we have decided to give (*below*) a chart of all the 18 authors on the previously announced long list whose books appeared in that BookTrack 5,000.

The Atwood and Bainbridge figures are included there, of course, but some long-listed authors who did not make it to the shortlist appear there too, notably Ben Elton with his novel *Popcorn*.

Atwood is obviously being widely read at the moment, with five paperbacks of earlier books by her showing up, as well the new novel with which she could win the Booker Prize, *Alias Grace*. She sold 368 copies of that in hardback in nine days, since it was only published on September 19.

Beryl Bainbridge's novel about the *Titanic*, *Every Man For Himself*, also got off to a quick start — it was published on September 1 — but no earlier books by her appear on this sales list.

Bainbridge: quick start

We checked with the bookshop chains of Waterstone's and Dillon's, which are not included in the BookTrack chart, and they also report that Atwood has been leading the field, with Bainbridge following close behind.

Both of them also say that Seamus Deane's first novel about Derry in the 1940s and 1950s, *Reading in the Dark*, is selling well. A relevant point here is that Waterstone's made it its September "Book of the Month".

The other three novels on the shortlist are *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry (Faber, £15.99), *Last Orders* by Graham Swift (Picador, £15.99) and *The Orchard on Fire* by Shena Mackay (Heinemann, £12.99). All of these were published much earlier in the year, and the bookshops point out that they all sold well when they first appeared. But it is the normal pattern for there to be a burst of hardback sales when a novel comes out, then a falling off until the paperback appears.

Will the publication of the shortlist start all these books selling? We shall ask BookTrack to monitor sales again in three weeks' time, just before the winner is chosen on October 29.

SALES OF AUTHORS ON THE BOOKER LONG LIST

		Sales in the week to Sept 28	Position in the top 5,000
1	MAGARET ATWOOD **Labrador Fiasco** *(Bloomsbury, £1)*	664	42
2	BEN ELTON **Popcorn** *(Simon & Schuster, £12.99)*	503	68
3	HELEN DUNMORE **A Spell of Winter** *(Penguin, £6.99)*	458	80
4	MARGARET ATWOOD **Alias Grace** *(Bloomsbury, £16.99)*	368	113
5	BERYL BAINBRIDGE **Every Man for Himself** *(Duckworth, £14.99)*	177	399
6	MARGARET ATWOOD **The Handmaid's Tale** *(Vintage, £6.99)*	74	1,917
7	MARGARET ATWOOD **Life Before Man** *(Vintage, £6.99)*	66	2,193
8	MARGARET ATWOOD **Lady Oracle** *(Virago, £6.99)*	60	2,464
9	HELEN DUNMORE **Zennor in Darkness** *(Penguin, £6.99)*	58	2,572
10	MARGARET ATWOOD **The Robber Bride** *(Virago, £5.99)*	55	2,838
11	BARBARA VINE **House of Stairs** *(Penguin, £5.99)*	51	3,386
12	PATRICK McGRATH **The Grotesque** *(Penguin, £5.99)*	50	3,811
13	JANE GARDAM **Black Woolly Pony and White Chalk Horse** *(Walker, £3.99)*	50	3,970

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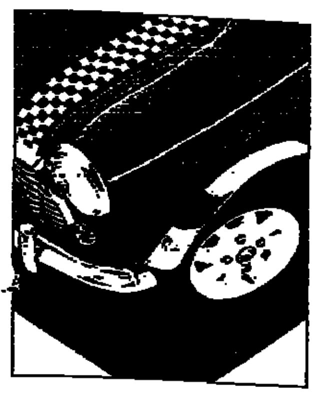

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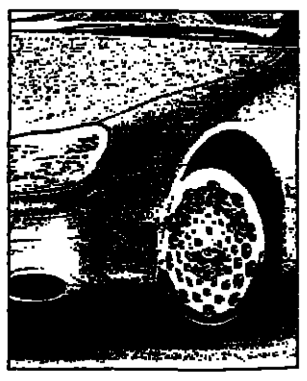

Cars you won't see at Britain's motor show

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JAGUAR'S XK8 ■ A CAR TO MATCH THE E-TYPE LEGEND: PAGE 5

TONY WHITE

The XK8 breaks the lap record at Pirelli's wet-weather track. Prototypes have endured a million miles of testing through Arctic wastes, over deserts and around thousands of high-speed laps at the Motor Industry Research Association

It beats Porsches — so very comfortably

The man in the Porsche was not happy, *Kevin Eason writes.* His foot was flat on the floor of the 911 Turbo, the tail swinging as he roared through the left-hander, leaving a massive spray of water.

But he couldn't go faster than Mike Cross. Jaguar's top chassis engineer had broken the lap record at Pirelli's wet-weather test track, and the man from Porsche was having a strop. He was driving one of the world's most acclaimed sports cars and Cross was in a sleek cruiser not supposed to charge round racetracks.

But the man from Porsche had underestimated the new Big Cat. It might have wood and leather and a stereo system capable of filling the Albert Hall, it might be long and elegant — but it could outmanoeuvre every other car tested at the Vizzola track in Northern Italy.

It took a million miles of testing to create Jaguar's XK8, pounding through Arctic wastes, over desert roads in baking temperatures and through thousands of circuits around the top-secret high-speed bowl at the Motor Industry Research Association's centre at Nuneaton in Warwickshire.

I was the first British journalist to see the XK8, then in the last stages of testing as Cross threw the coupé around Vizzola, hurtling through fountains of water on a surface like polished glass.

First impression was that XK8 was as long as the XJS it replaces, and the XJS was as nimble as a canal boat. How could Cross get up speed, never mind cope with a track covered in surface water, to test the *stickability* of the new Pirelli P6000 tyres to the limit? The XK8 seemed like an unlikely candidate for a lap record: it is a big, heavy rear-wheel-drive car which will be used mainly for touring in grand style.

Mike Cross is an understated type of guy, a quietly spoken west-Midlander who looks so relaxed, he could be motoring's Perry Como. Behind the wheel though, he is a class act, a driver so good that he is highly rated by Jackie Stewart, his sensitivity for a car so sharp that he has the last word. When you drive a Jag, you are driving a car tuned by Mike Cross.

For the XK8, the job was as tricky as it gets, balancing the ride to combine handling with comfort. "People who buy a Jaguar don't want their fillings shaking loose because the set-up is so hard for sporty driving, as you would find in an out-and-out sports car," he says. "But we have such a good power-train in the car, we wanted XK8 to have a sporty feel. Judging that combination has taken a lot of thought and time."

And Cross has got it just right, for after claiming the record at Vizzola, he threw me the keys to a convertible and we drove in convoy from Northern Italy, across Switzerland and Germany. The contrast between being thrown by G-forces across the car at Vizzola and the seven-hour cruise was stark: on the circuit, the car roared and twisted; on the road, it was quiet, placid, almost soothing, eating mile after high-speed mile. As we hit the *Autobahn*, Cross's coupé suddenly surged away and I followed, the speedo needle winding round past 100mph, then 120mph. The car never wavered, the only intrusion the roar of the big Pirellis on the tarmac.

But the best was yet to come: our destination was the Nurburgring, the legendary 14-mile grand circuit, pensioned off because of the terrible attrition rate among drivers. Peter Collins died there, and Niki Lauda was horrifically burned when he crashed on one of the dozens of corners that seem to leap at unwary drivers.

Bizarrely, the track is open to the public who, for a fiver, can whizz around it in the family hatchback. But they have to be careful to dodge test teams from carmakers who regularly use the circuit to press cars to the limit on a variety of bends and surfaces difficult to find elsewhere. And Cross was going to let me drive: 14 miles, flat out on a strange circuit famous for crashes in a pre-production version of a £50,000 car.

First time around though, the Jag felt perfectly comfortable. The engine pulled so hard that I could shift through second and third gears manually to power ferociously through bends. With traction control on, the car could not be wrong-footed and even with it switched off, handling was completely predictable so that even I felt brave enough to drive full-pelt without fear of adding myself to the Nurburgring casualty list.

Flick the wheel and a nick on the gearshift and the XK8 was flying, until round the final, long bend flat-out shifting through fourth up and over the crest of the high hill onto the final long, long straight. Into fifth and the speedo was passing 130mph as the Jag straightened up. In the distance, there was a dot, a slow-moving dot which rapidly grew into a battered Fiat Uno on my inside, which, compared with the Jag, looked as though it was standing still. As the XK8 whooshed level, beaming faces of a man and wife appeared at the window waving furiously as though Michael Schumacher had swept past.

If they were disappointed the driver was only me, they didn't show it. They must have been delighted enough to catch a glimpse of a car which is about to add to the legend of Jaguar.

Cruiser that is at home on the racetrack

HOW THE CAT REJOINED THE CREAM

Jaguar is the most efficient car company in Ford's worldwide empire, according to executives who have turned the business around within seven years.

The accolade was hard won, with the workforce halved and wholesale changes to assembly lines as Ford executives battled to reduce costs, improve efficiency and eradicate the faults that had dented Jaguar's reputation with buyers.

Nick Scheele: better quality

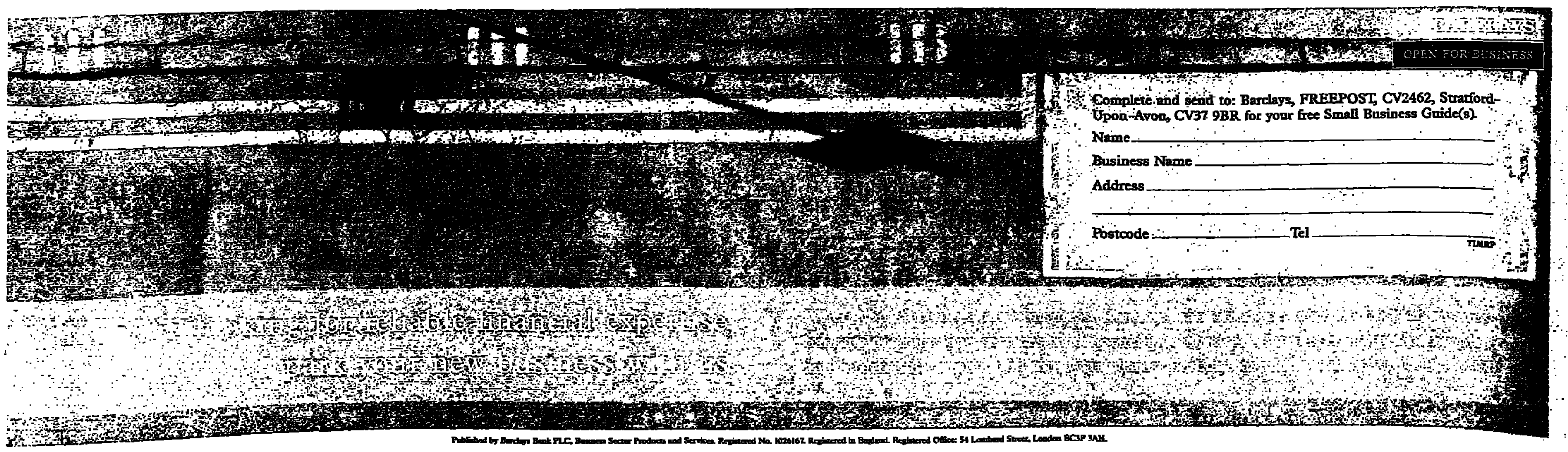
Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman, says: "We are now producing quality better than almost anybody else in the world and the customers are noticing that more and more."

Ford bought Jaguar in 1989 for £1.6 billion, when the company seemed to be brimming with confidence. However, the success hid problems of overstaffing and inefficiency at its factories in Birmingham and Coventry where working practices were years out of date. When Ford appointed manufacturing expert Bill Hayden to run Jaguar, he could barely believe what he saw: Jaguar was the worst car factory he had seen outside of Russia, he said.

There have been leaps and bounds since, making the XK8 the best-built car ever to come from Jaguar. Evidence comes from Jaguar's main market, America, where the regular surveys from J. D. Power and Associates are regarded as the ultimate guide to the best cars on the market. Jaguar is outstripping Mercedes and BMW; now its target is the leader, the Toyota Lexus.

"We are not far behind," says Scheele. "Jaguar has had the will to transform the business and the rewards are following."

The rewards include Ford's decision to let Jaguar build a new smaller car — a reincarnation of the old, much-loved Mark II models. It will be launched in three years, built in Birmingham.



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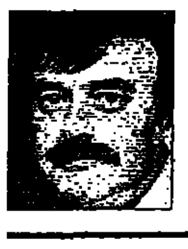
Going for a spin? Join the trend by taking your car forwards and steering a course down the middle of the road

Another Tony swerves right

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

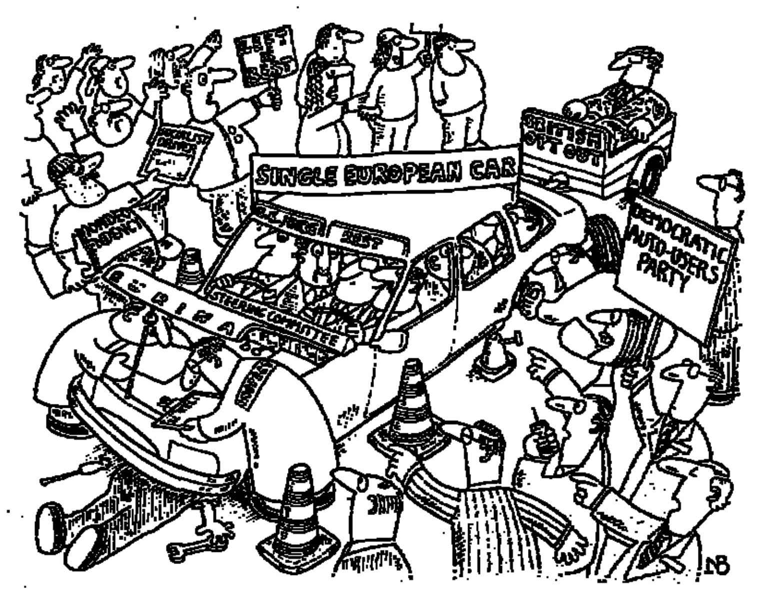
The party conference season and the likes of Mr Neil Hamilton have conspired to take up altogether too much space in the media, blocking out reports of party conferences that really matter. So *Driven to Distraction* sent its own reporters to the annual conference of the Democratic Auto Users Party (Daup), which was held this year in the glittering surroundings of the Chicane Winter Gardens, Silverstone.

Huge change has come about in Daup since the election of a dynamic new leader, Tony Walnut-Dash, two years ago. Walnut-Dash and his lovely wife, Cherry Upholstery, have dragged Daup into the late 20th century. Gone are the old, damaging commitments, such as the promotion of car coats and subsidies for the starting-handle industry. Protectionist jingoism has been routed, to the point where any member driving a British-made car can expect automatic expulsion.

Tony and Cherry (as we have learned to call them) arrived at Silverstone in a BMW convertible, to be greeted by Daup's life president, Mr Murray Walker, who led the adoring throng in a chorus of *We'll keep the chequered flag flying here* as he escorted Tony to the podium.

"Fellow motorists" Tony began. "Let me not pretend for a moment that I am from Old Daup. My background, nay, my whole instinct, is New Daup. I know that many of you here today were educated in the public sector, you were taught to drive by former bus drivers and ex-sergeants in the transport corps, whereas I went to a private school.

"And what did I learn at BSM? I learned to steer a straight course, I learned to indicate before turning, I learned to consider other road users. In short, I learned what you learned, albeit without having to practise on a disused airfield. We are, you and me, as one in that we have arrived at the same destination by different routes. And now that we are here, you have asked me: where are we going?"



Walnut-Dash went on to thrill his audience with an eloquent exposition of his committment to European Motoring Union (Emu). "The Single European Car will be the core project at the heart of my administration" he said. "The Sec means egalitarianism, it will be the manifestation of an integrated Europe.

"It will be the stakeholder's car. Every individual working on it, every individual driving it, will be able to feel part of a single movement, to have a shared destiny. A car with French bodywork, German engines, Italian interior design, Spanish bumpers, Greek hubcaps and, yes, a logo created in Soho.

Walnut-Dash had earlier won ringing endorsement for his policy when National Steering Committee elections routed the left and returned candidates who favour driving on the right, although sceptics doubt whether such a switch can be "phased in" as Daup is promising.

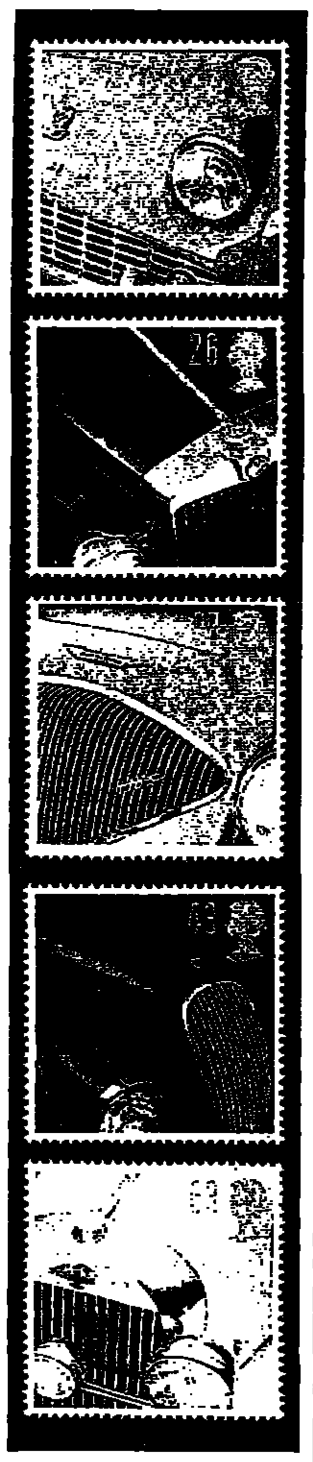
Opponents claim the switch will lead to chaos and say that Daup is vague about how much the change will cost. Walnut-Dash's avuncular deputy, John Tractor, is said to have opposed the scheme, but came on board in exchange for a promise that Soho logo designers would be allowed to join a trade union.

Walnut-Dash, speaking from beneath a video wall showing the M1 with no lanes coned off (opponents claim the film is a fake) ended his speech with a denunciation of the present government: "Seventeen years of jams! Seventeen years in which the Association of Traffic Cone Manufacturers got rich and the rest of us got late. Railways sold to millionaires! Hard shoulders packed with sobbing women!

"I say to you today: only Daup can release the British driver from this corrupt and shaming madness. Drive back to your constituencies and prepare for government.'

CAR PRIZES

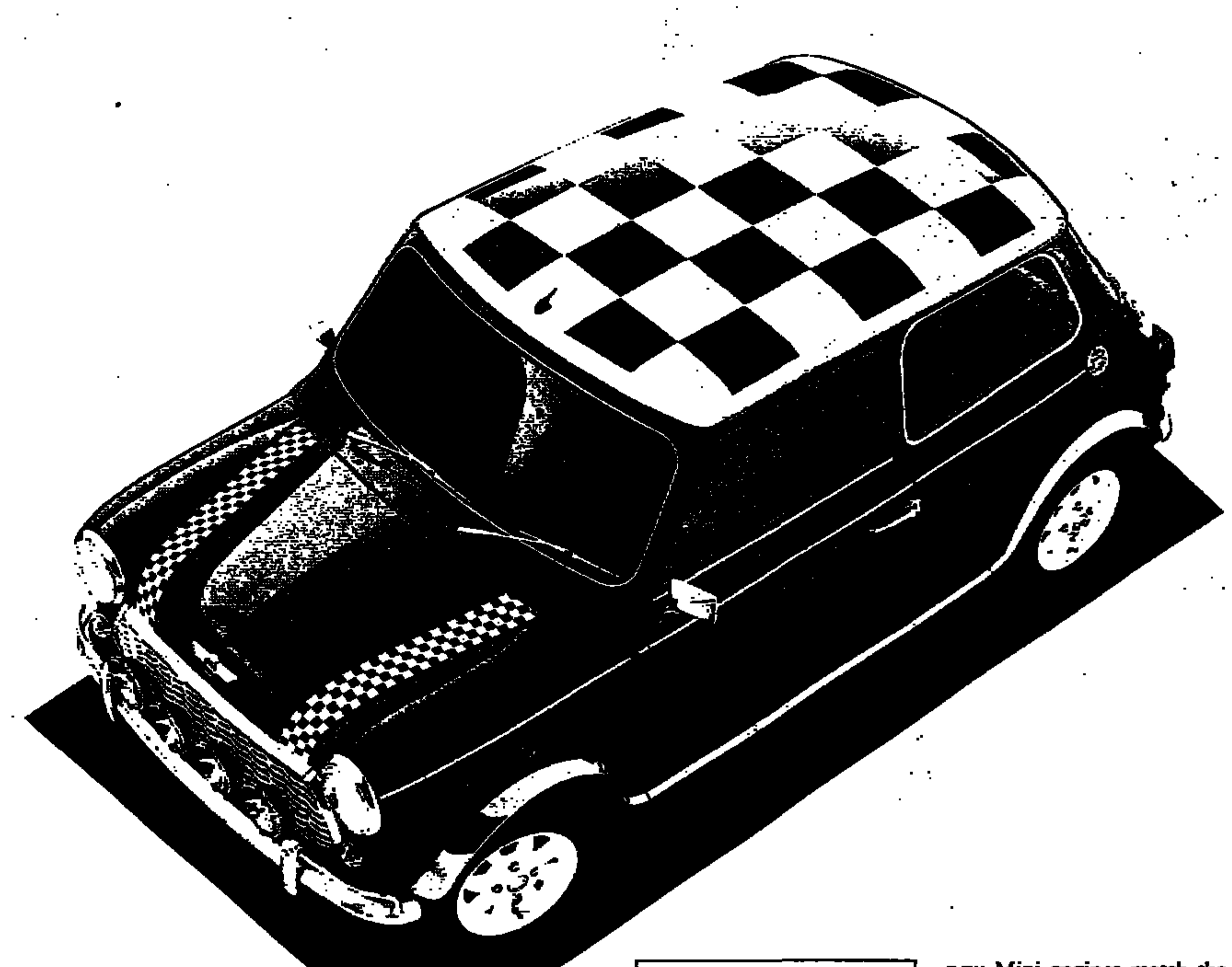
Stamp of true classics



■ MORE THAN 50.000 readers have so far entered the competition to win one of five classic cars which was launched in *Car 96* last month. The prizes in our contest, a Triumph TR3A, MG TC, Morgan Plus Four, Austin Healey 100/4 and Jaguar XK 120, were inspired by this set of five stamps ranging from 20p to 63p. Issued to commemmorate the centenary of the British motor industry they went on sale last Tuesday. They feature pictures taken by Simon Clay, photographer for the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, of examples of each of the marques.

Grr, it's the Mini Mouth

It comes in any racy colour you like — so long, says **Vaughan Freeman** — as it's slower



Only the quirky "all-new" Mini could come up with a Sports Pack that actually makes the car go slower, and offer a Mini Cooper version that is more of a dawdler than its predecessor.

Rover, giving the 1997 Mini its most radical redesign in 37 years, has decided that new Minis will sell on image alone, jettisoning any pretensions to greater performance.

Instead, major advances for the range include putting foam in the car's roof-lining, moving the radiator from the side to the front of the engine bay, and introducing "up to the moment" control stalks that allow the driver to reach the lighting controls without lunging across the cabin.

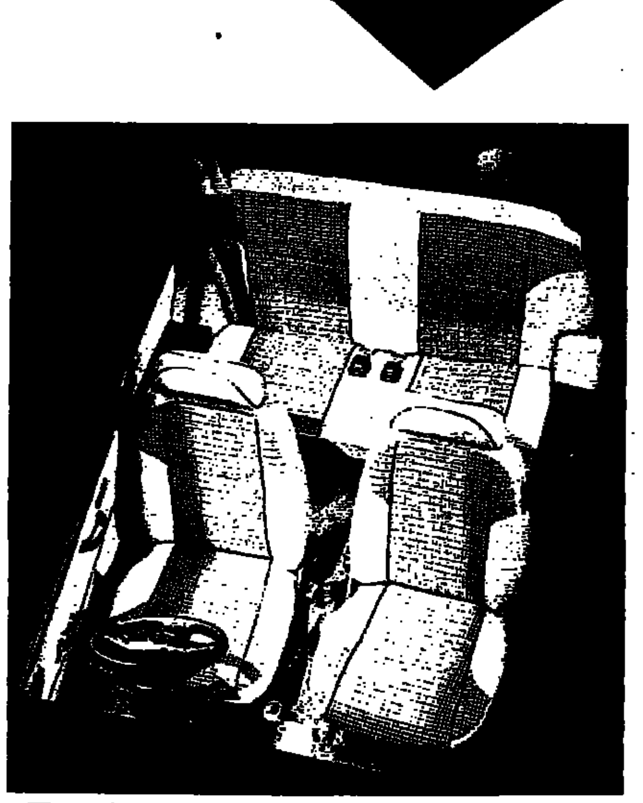
The changes will be enough to keep the Mini rolling up to the year 2003 when tougher emission and crash regulations spell the end of Britain's most successful car. By then, Rover will have a new Mini powered by engines made by Chrysler in Latin America.

For now, Rover will sell just the Mini and Mini Cooper versions, identical apart from the Cooper's distinguishing white roof, bonnet stripes, spot-lamps and sports alloy wheels. The model to have suffered most from this is the Cooper, the mean machine that endowed both Michael Caine and the Mini with genuine film-star status in *The Italian Job*, that slayed its rallying competitors in the 1960s and was once the epitome of fast motoring. For it is slower than the car it replaces.

Whereas the 1995-96 Mini Cooper has a top speed of 92mph, the new model can only reach 90mph, and while this year's car will go from a standing start to 60mph in 11.5 seconds, the new, improved version will take 12.2 seconds.

The Sports Pack is at best a misnomer, at worst a somewhat cynical way of relieving Mini owners of a further £795. Adding the Sports Pack's Minilite Style alloy wheels, four front-mounted rally-style fog lamps, chrome tailpipe and extra instrument gauges, reduces the top speed still further to 84mph because of the extra aerodynamic drag of the wider 13in tyres.

What might to some appear to be a triumph of packaging over content in fact, says Rover, reflects the desires of today's Mini customers: "Typical Mini buyers are now less likely to be families seeking a second or third car, but increasingly to be single, well-educated professional and managerial people desiring a fashion statement. The Mini and the Mini Cooper have identical 63bhp engines, identical performance figures, and both can be fitted with the sluggish Sports Pack "for the ultimate in street style".



The Italian fob: racing style is more talk than torque

So how do they differ? Rover says: "Both cars are priced identically in standard form — customers simply choose the imagery that they prefer. The 1997 Mini allows the customer to choose a wide range of unique colours, trims, options and accessories enabling the car truly to reflect the owner's personality."

Behind the imagery are real changes however. The Mini was first launched 37 years ago, and in shape and size is virtually unchanged. Developing the car to meet ever more stringent emissions and safety regulations has presented Mini and Rover designers with a major challenge.

For the first time, the Mini gets a driver's-side airbag. New engine design, including multi-point fuel injection, means the Mini can meet all air pollution laws by borrowing on engine management technology from the Rover 800 and MGF sportster, while noise from the car has been halved at motorway speeds.

The new Minis also get the MGF steering wheel, and seats based on the design of the new Rover 200. While the new Mini engines match the power of the outgoing cars, performance is down due to higher final gearing aimed at cutting noise and making the ride more civilised.

Rover says: "This, coupled with an inevitable weight increase of around 3.5 per cent, means a slight reduction in 'on paper' performance. The performance figures however remain very competitive."

The new Mini and Mini Cooper, unveiled in the week that Rover chief executive Walter Hasselkus said Rover would be building a totally new-design Mini from the year 2000, is likely to be the last version based on the mould-breaking Sir Alec Issigonis design.

Hasselkus said: "The Mini was launched in 1959, and has been an incredible success story in itself, and while I am saying that it will be replaced, it will also be a continuation. There will be a new Mini but with the same emotions of the old one".

Until the new car arrives, Rover is hoping that this interim model will fill the gap and give Mini lovers enough to be going on with. Rover says the new car has benefited from "tens of millions of pounds worth" of new investment.

Rover spokesman Denis Chick said: "People have asked us why we have spent so much money redesigning the 1997 Mini when there is a new car coming, and the answer is that the Mini is very popular still, and the name is very, very important to us, and we want to keep it strong".

NEW MINI

Engine: Four-cylinder, 63bhp, 1,275cc petrol, driving four-speed manual gearbox.
0-60mph: 12.2 seconds (12.8 with Sports Pack)
Top speed: 90mph (84mph with Sports Pack).
Economy: 33.4mpg urban (including cold start), 51.8mpg out of town, 43mpg combined.
Equipment: Driver airbag, seat-belt pretensioners, side door anti-intrusion beams, wood fascia, immobiliser, alarm.
Price: £8,995.

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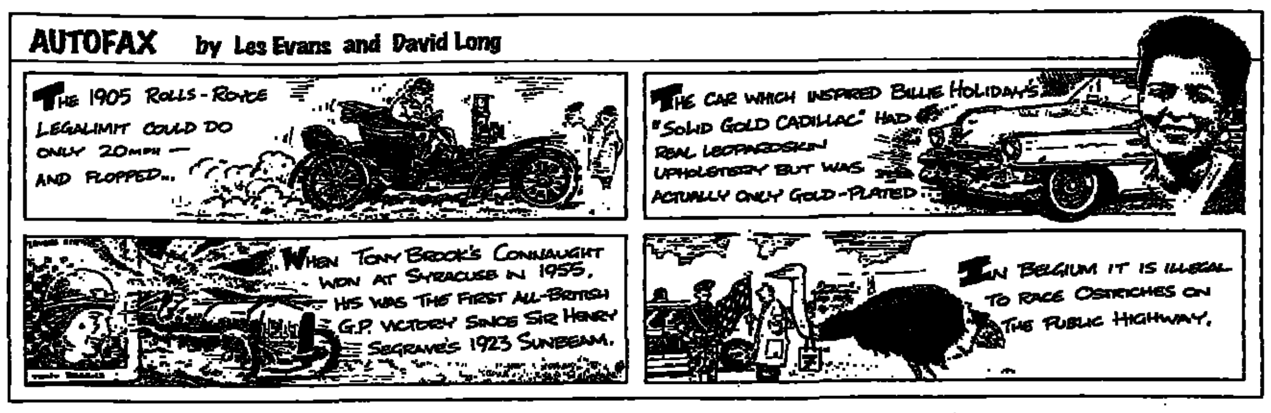
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● **LONDON**
A21 Orpington; roadworks on Sevenoaks Road between Green Street Green and Stone House Lane. Delays.
A217 Wandsworth; roadworks on the south side of Wandsworth Bridge will cause delays on the approaches.
A400 Kentish Town; resurfacing on Fortress Road. Southbound traffic diverted from the Archway roundabout and northbound from Camden Road.
A406 East Finchley; traffic down to a single lane on the North Circular Road at various locations between the A1 and Colney Hatch Lane.
A501 Islington; restrictions between High Street and Wakley Street for pavement resurfacing work. Expect delays as a result.

● **SOUTH EAST**
M4 junction 10; entry and exit slip roads at the Reading East (A329M) junction closed overnight between in both directions. Diversions.
A404 High Wycombe; temporary lights controlling traffic on Amersham Road for cable laying work will cause delays at peak periods.
M25 junctions 2-3; contraflow between the Dartford and M20 junctions for major roadworks in both directions, with occasional slip road closures as well. Expect regular delays.
M25 junctions 6-10; restrictions and lane closures both ways between Godstone and the A3. **A320** Guildford; Stoke Road closed outbound. Diversions.

● **SOUTH WEST**
A38 Dobwalls; temporary lights.
A381 Teignmouth; roadworks between Salcombe Dip and Inverteign Drive.
M5 junctions 17-20; contraflow and 50mph speed limit across the Avonmouth Bridge.
A38 Gloucester; roadworks at the Cole Avenue roundabout. Long delays.
A39 Wells; work on Glastonbury Road at the junction with the Relief Road. Delays. (until 8th October)

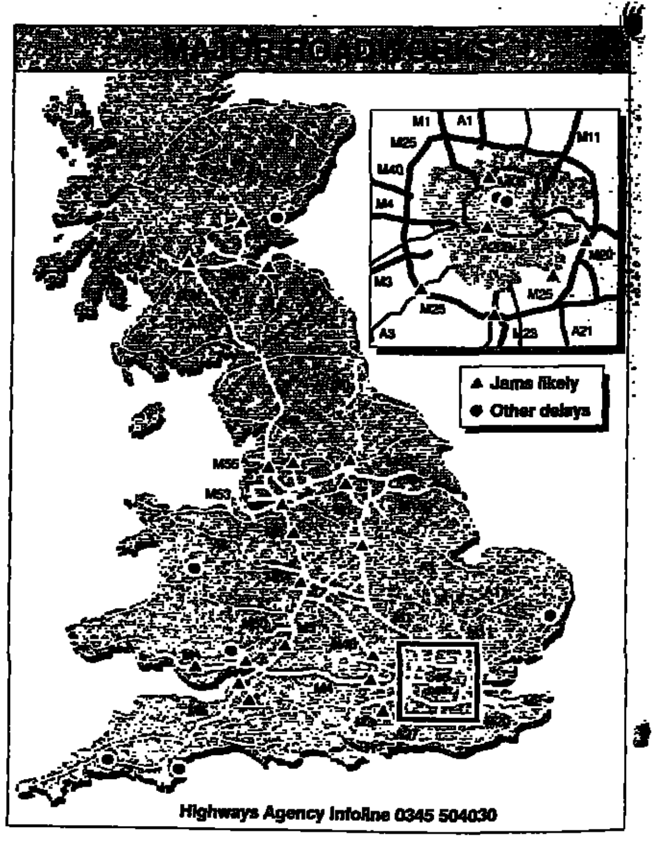
● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**
A500 Stoke on Trent; contraflow on the D-Road between Talke and Stoke on Trent as roadworks continue. Expect regular delays.
M6 junctions 20-21a; carriageway reduced to three lanes near the Thelwall Viaduct.
A6 [illegible] contraflow with no right turn into Donnington Lane.
A144 Halesworth; temporary lights on London Road.
A41 Wolverhampton; temporary lights on Bilston Road between Eagle Street and Chillington Street. Peak-time delays.

● **NORTH**
M6 junctions 30-32; lane closures both ways for repair work between the M61 and M55 junctions will cause delays as traffic builds at peak periods.
A679 Burnley; lane closures for water main work on Accrington Road at the Liverpool Road junction. Delays at peak periods, especially from the M65 at junction 9.
A635 Barnsley; Doncaster Road closed outbound for resurfacing work, with diversions operating via the A61 Sheffield Road. Expect peak-time delays.
M1 junctioin 47; major long-term roadworks continue around the Leeds junction with lane and speed restrictions as a result. Expect delays on the M1, M621 and Dewsbury Road.

● **WALES**
A470 Powys; temporary lights controlling traffic at Ffridd Fawr near Llanbrynmair as roadworks continue.
M4 junctions 35-34; contraflow with traffic down to two lanes in both directions as major roadworks continue between the Bridgend and Llantrisant junctions.
A472 Pontypool; contraflow between Pontemoile and the Heron roundabout. Expect lengthy delays, especially from the A4042.
M4 junctions 23a-24; lane closures between the Magor and Newport junctions as major widening work continues. Expect regular rush-hour delays.

● **Scotland**
A92 Tay Road Bridge; lane closure southbound on Tay Road Bridge for maintenance work. Expect delays at peak periods.
A8 Edinburgh; Princes Street closed eastbound to motor vehicles, with a diversion operating via South Charlotte Street, Queen Street and York Place.
M8 junction 15; Stirling Road westbound on-ramp and Castle Street Eastbound off-ramp are closed for roadworks.
A9 Perth; restrictions in both directions between Perth and the Highland boundary at various locations for roadworks.

Northern Ireland
M22; contraflow between Ballygrooby ad Dunsilly for bridge maintenance work.
M1; down to two lanes both ways between the Saintfield Road and Ballynahinch Road bridges for maintenance work.
A2 Larne Road; temporary lights on Larne Road [illegible] junction with Rawbrae Road in Carrickfergus. Expect delays.
A28 Markethill; resurfacing on Armagh Road with temporary lights controlling traffic will cause delays at peak periods.
A27 Craigavon; roadworks at the Shorts crossroads with temporary lights controlling traffic will cause delays.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Not the people's Ka

ANXIOUS to introduce opinion-formers from China, the world's biggest marketplace, to its new Ka model, Ford invited seven top Chinese journalists — including the 80-year-old editor of the *People's Daily* — to the Paris Motor Show. Six Kas were lined up ready for a tour of France's best rural roads ... except for one slight hitch. Only one of the Chinese delegation could drive. A weary Ford PR man says: "Well, they can sit in it anyway."

Why aye, Nissan

NISSAN is to build a new estate car at Washington, Tyne and Wear. The £70 million investment means the plant can build about 20,000 of the Primera-based estates. Styled by Nissan in Munich, the five-seater will be for worldwide distribution. Washington is also to start making Primera diesel engines, replacing equipment previously imported from Japan.

Catholic tastes

WHEN Pope John Paul II came to Britain, he travelled around in a converted Range Rover. But his new car will be a little swankier, for the Vatican has ordered a five-litre V8 Mercedes S500, which is being tailored for Papal needs by a company called Stola in Turin.

Fiat hike

FIAT has raised prices by an average 1.6 per cent. The range now starts with the Cinquecento S at £5,682 up to the range-topping Ulysse 1.9TD EL people-carrier which will get a new sticker price of £20,131.

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Preview: inside information on the newest concept cars being shown in Europe, but not in Britain

The future: you saw it here first

■ They are the most desirable cars in the world, dream models of the future which will be drooled over by thousands of motorists — but not in Britain, *Kevin Eason writes*. For while visitors to the Paris Motor Show this week were shown a series of delectable concept cars, none of them will be coming to the British International Motor Show which opens later this month at the NEC in Birmingham.

Carmakers say the two shows come too close together to allow them enough time to transfer cars from Paris to Birmingham — which is a pity for visitors to the Birmingham show, which will celebrate 100 years of British carmaking this year. Even though Britain is one of the birthplaces of the motor industry, with more than its share of famous names, and remains an important centre for design, engineering and motor racing, the rest of Europe does not regard the British show as having the same status as exhibitions in Paris, Frankfurt and Geneva.

The good news, though, is that *Car 96* was in Paris to bring you details of the cars you cannot see (unless you are willing to book a day out on a Eurostar ticket to the French capital).

Cars like the F200, which was rolled out by Mercedes. Not only does it look stunning, Mercedes

MERCEDES-BENZ

has also loaded the F200 with the gadgets the company's engineers believe we will all have on our cars in the next century.

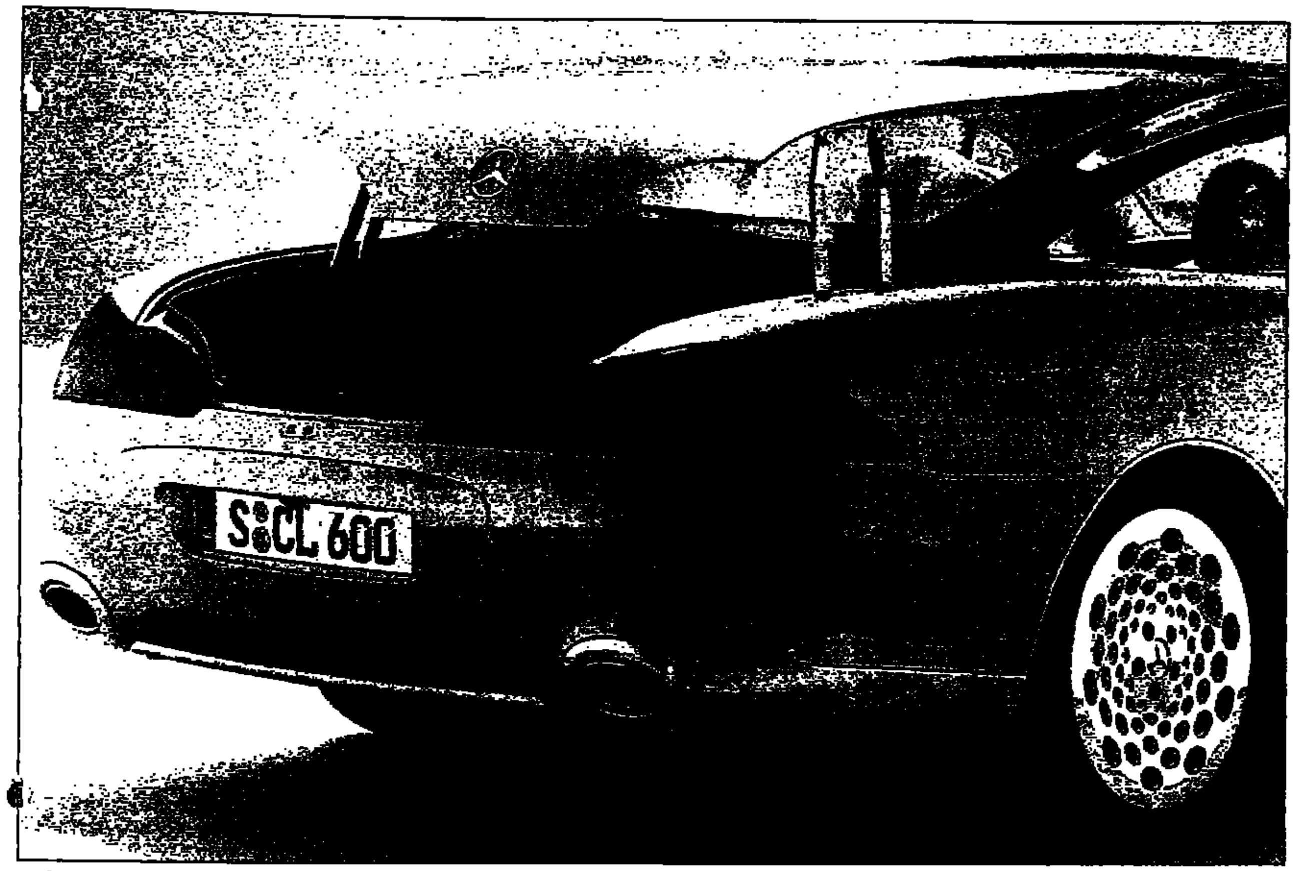
The most astonishing innovation is in the cabin, which has none of the familiar cues of the modern motor car. Steering wheel and pedals are abolished to be replaced by a fighter pilot-style set of controls. To steer, the driver moves the central joystick to the left or right, accelerating by pushing the stick forward and braking by pulling it back. There are no conventional systems under the bonnet either, with the messages from the joystick sent electronically instead of mechanically.

Rear-view mirrors have been abolished, replaced by video cameras which transfer images to a dashboard video screen.

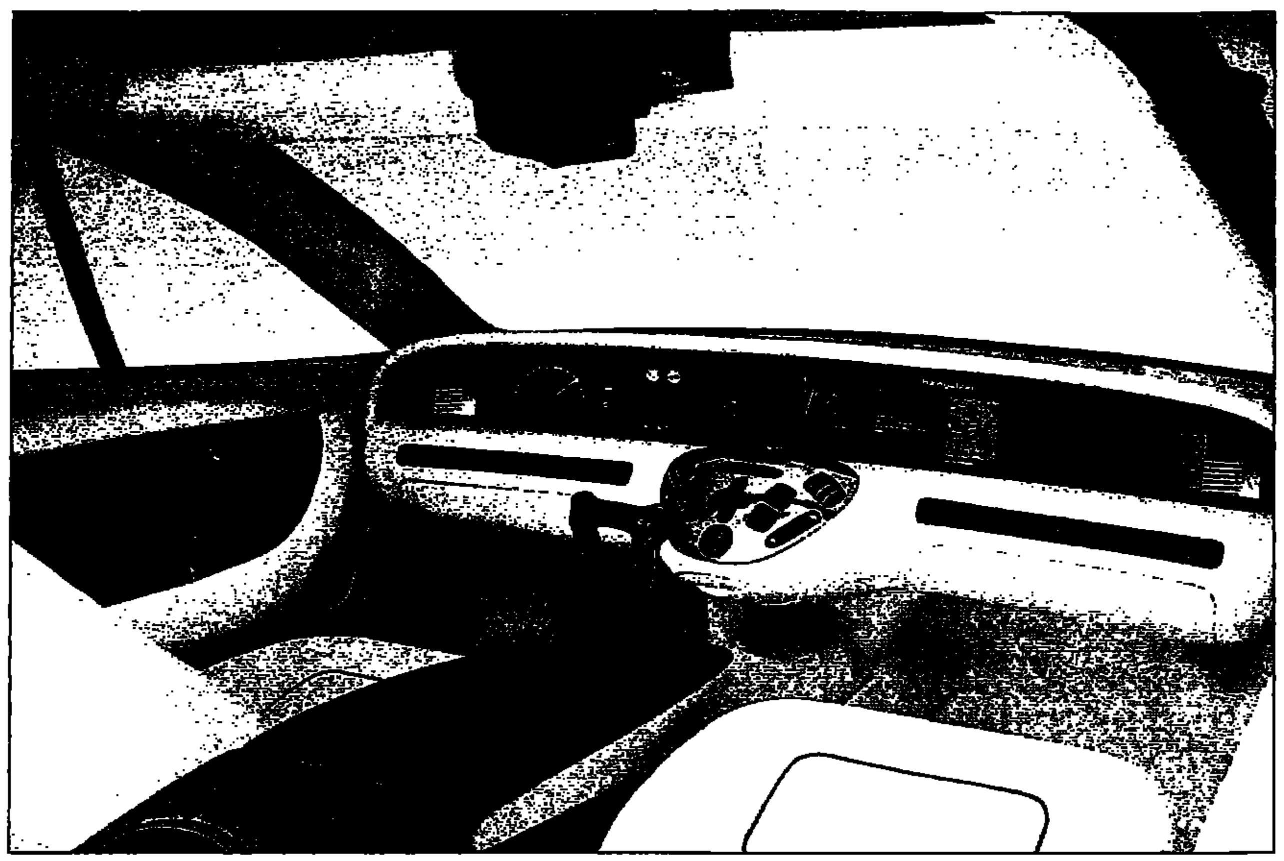
There is no key to enter, not even a remote "blipper", just a magnetic card which unlocks doors which then sweep out and over to allow a more generous entry gap. Once under way, information is relayed to the driver digitally on electronic screens while the car senses every movement, ironing out bends and bumps, the suspension adjusting to prevent the bodywork from pitching and rolling.

Even the headlamps are "intelligent", providing extra light as the speed of the car increases, while the boot lid is a clever four-joint system which levers upwards to provide the maximum loading space.

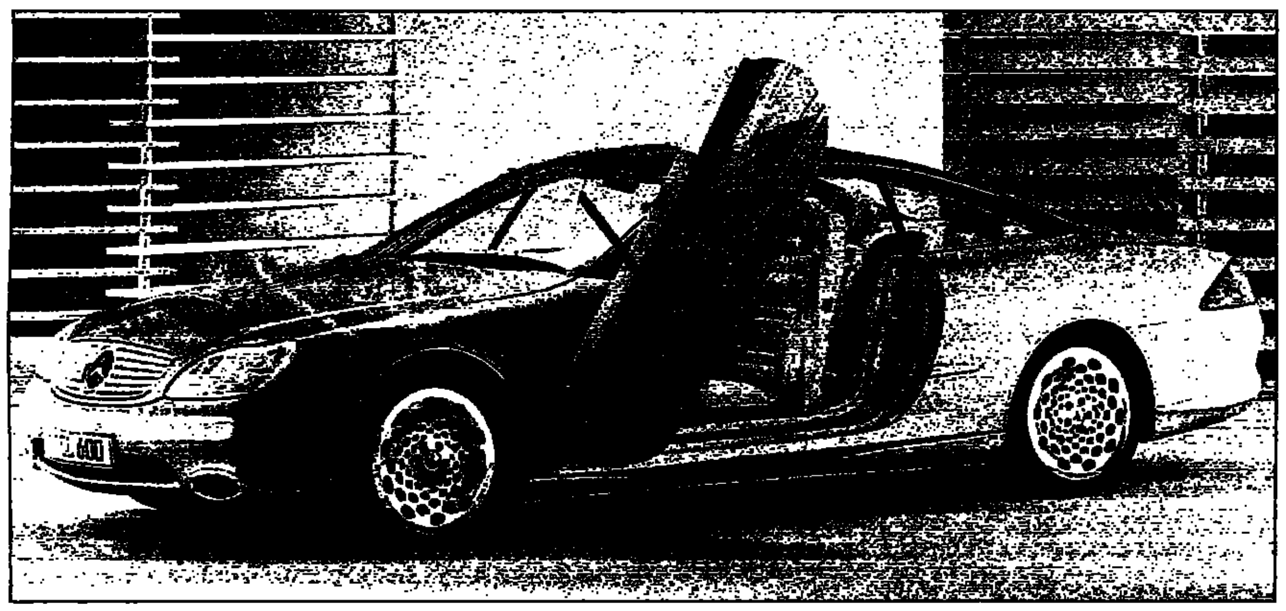
They are all features Jurgen Hubbert, head of Mercedes' car business, told visitors to the Paris show will be with us in the next century, the technical experimentation of today becoming the standard engineering of tomorrow. Pity you will have to wait to see it.



All the German engineeering money can buy: the boot lid levers upwards to provide the maximum loading space

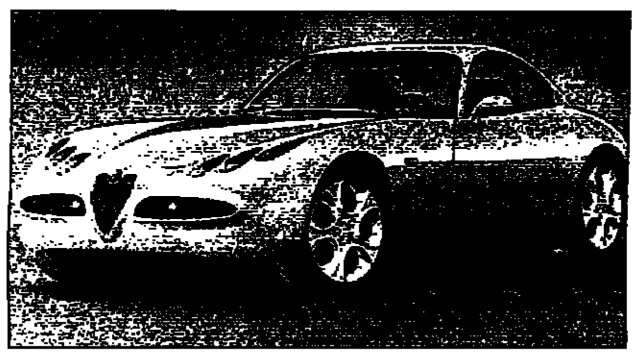


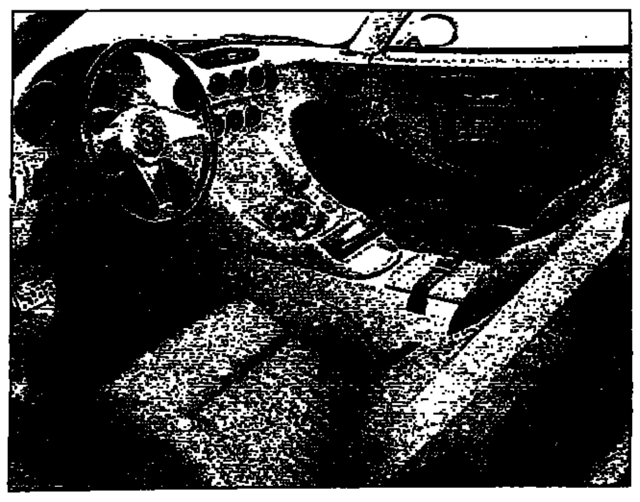
Inside the F200, the instruments look and function more like the controls of a fighter jet than a car dashboard



All the gadgets to take driving into the 21st century: magnetic cards unlock doors which then sweep out and over

ALFA NUVOLA





■ One vision of the future unveiled in Paris created such interest that although it was not originally destined for Birmingham, desperate efforts to get it to the NEC were under way this week, *writes Alan Copps*.

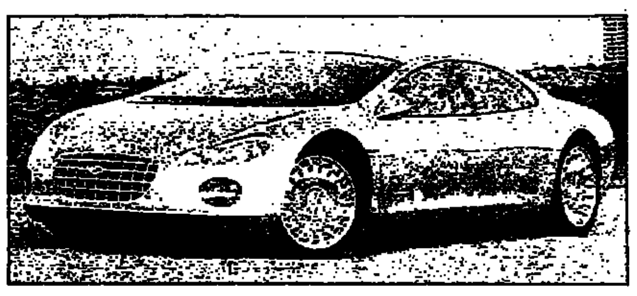
The Alfa Romeo Nuvola is a striking-looking concept which has some resemblance to the company's highly succesful GTV coupé, although it is larger and its low rear end goes very much against the current trend for coupés. But under the skin Alfa has turned the clock back to the days when sports car bodies were built individually on a separate chassis.

The two-seater shown at Paris was a bold, aggressive design drawn up by Alfa's own styling centre on the space-frame chassis. The striking rear end has more than a hint of 1930s sports cars about it but features high-tech lights that give adequate illumination even though they lie almost flat.

There are no plans to put it into production, but it was built using techniques applicable to production rather than prototype models. Alfa says the idea was to produce a chassis which it could offer to various bespoke coachbuilders to experiment with different body styles. It's an old-fashioned way to answer the current demand for more and more "niche" models.

The engine, however, is more than a concept. The 24-valve, twin turbo, 2.5-litre V6 is due to appear in a new version of the Alfa 166.

CHRYSLER LHX



■ It is the car to die for, if ever it hits British shores, *Kevin Eason writes*. Chrysler showed its LHX concept limousine but executives are hinting that the next generation of the company's biggest models will look like this. Under the bonnet is a 250 brake-horse power 3.5-litre mated to a four-speed automatic but it is the dramatic sweep of the car's lines which make it so beautiful. The sculpted nose and raked windscreen lead to a long, flat rear, held up by the fattest 20-inch wheels. In its ultimate form there is an entertainment centre for rear-seat passengers, while all the dashboard data for the driver is housed in a central pod at eyeline level.

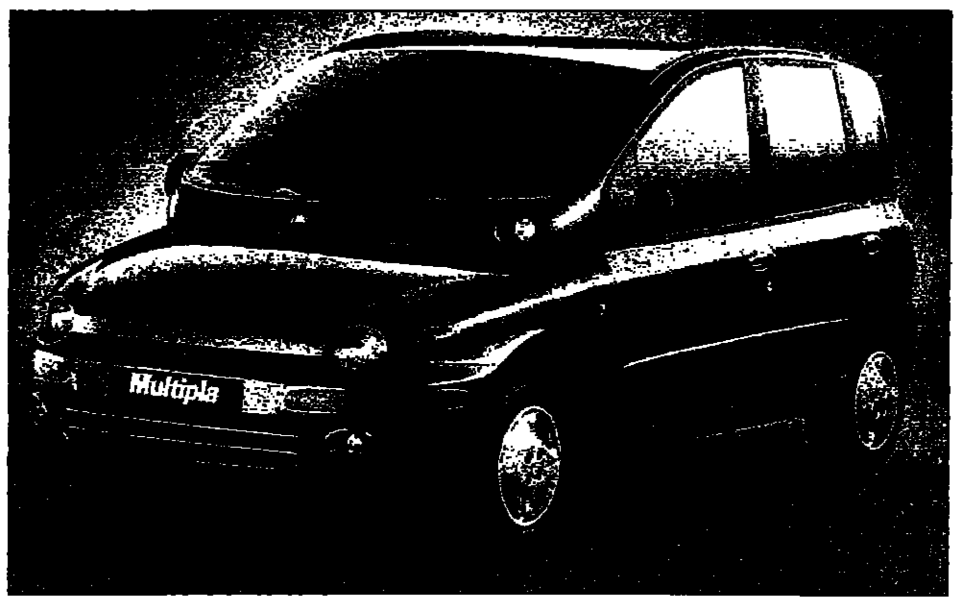
Chrysler has become darned good at design and experts reckon the company will chop off the rear overhang of the concept model to put a slightly more compact design into production for the US within three years. But still no sign of it coming to Britain in right-hand-drive form, unfortunately.

FIAT MULTIPLA

■ The race to produce a smaller version of the people carrier has started with a vengeance. Although Renault would seem to be in pole position with its Megane Scenic (see page 12), Fiat is hard on its heels, *writes Alan Copps*. The Italian company's latest proposal for carrying six people around in a small car is the Multipla, which has two rows of seats three abreast. Sounds like the perfect solution for talkative families.

Unveiled at the Paris show, the car is destined for production within two years. It is the result of a strict challenge to the company's style department: to create a car no longer than the Tipo or Brava but able to carry six people and their luggage at a cost significantly lower than an MPV.

The Multipla bears the name of the 1960 version of the Fiat 600, one of several vehicles that might claim to be the first people carrier. However, as the designers set to work it looked less and less like any existing MPV.



It is wider than most cars of its class but still within normal limits. To accommodate the seats three abreast, door handles and armrests are set flush with the window sills. The middle front seat is positioned slightly further back to allow driver comfort and can be replaced by a table or a refrigerator, according to need.

The seats at the back can be swivelled through 180 degrees to increase load-carrying capacity or be easily removed to accomodate extra luggage or sports equipment like skis and bicycles. Fiat claims that it will have twice as much space for luggage as a conventional car.

One of the most innovative items is the fascia where the gear lever is sited along with other controls individually shaped to aid recognition and use. The central instrument panel is shaped and raised so that the driver can consult it without taking eyes off the road, while the heating and ventilation controls seem to sprout from the centre of the dashboard.

PEUGEOT ASPHALTE

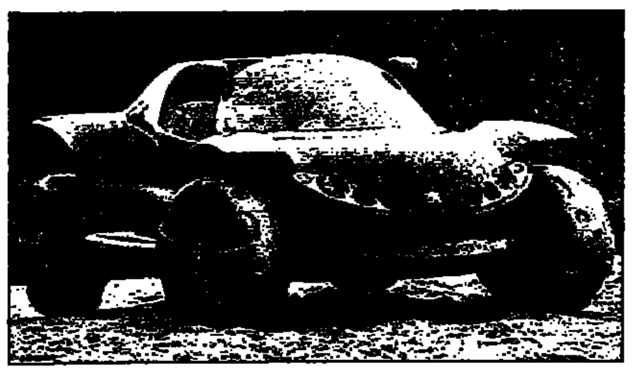
■ Fans of arcade games will know how to start up Peugeot's Asphalte. Instead of a conventional ignition key, drivers just slip a token into the dashboard and push the start button — a bit like a Sega computer challenge, *Kevin Eason writes*.

The idea is among a torrent to come from Peugeot's design studios as the company explores the future. The question now is whether Peugeot is willing to allow those ideas to run riot through its conventional car range, for there are no plans as yet to build anything as radical as the Asphalte or its concept sister car, the Touareg.

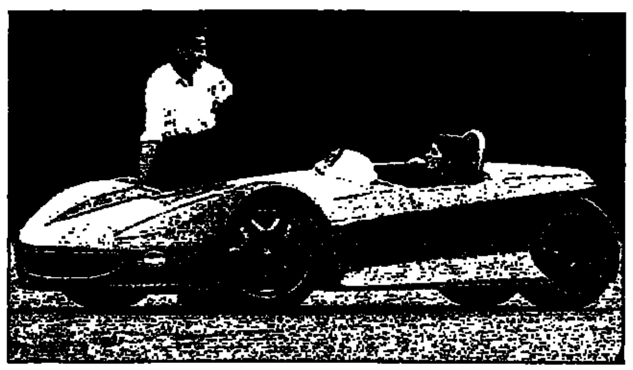
Pity, because the Asphalte is a pretty car following in the wheeltracks of Renault's fabulous little two-seater Spider, which has gone into production. The Asphalte is similarly spartan, with no doors so the driver and passenger have to hop into seats which have been moulded into the bodywork. The steering wheel comes off to allow the driver entry and then there are no seat adjustments: you instead adjust the pedals electronically.

The bodyshell is a tough carbon composite for strength and, if the driver is alone, a shield can be fitted over the passenger compartment for extra rigidity and protection from the elements. There is no windscreen, just wind deflectors designed to push the airflow over the heads of the two-seater's occupants.

The bonnet lies almost flat, which gave Peugeot's engineers an intriguing and important problem to solve: how to get the engine in. Their answer was to "flatten" a conventional 90 brake-horse power 1.6-litre, taken from the Peugeot 106, and rake it at a steep angle of 71 degrees,



The Touareg: off-road *and* hose-down technology



The Asphalte: like driving an arcade-game car

transversely in front of the cabin. It is coupled to an automatic gearbox controlled from a stalk at the side of the steering wheel. Although the engine is not that powerful, Peugeot reckons that the smooth aerodynamics and light weight — only 580kg — will allow the Asphalte to surge to 62mph in 9.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 120mph. How it handles will be open to debate, though, for the rear wheels are set substantially closer together than the front, allowing the rear to narrow to a teardrop-style shape. If it doesn't turn too well, at least the safety package is good: as soon as the driver clicks the seatbelt, two roll bars pop up while the cockpit has high sides.

Peugeot turned to more unconventional power for its four-wheel-drive Touareg. It has a centrally mounted 35-kilowatt electric motor, backed up by a small four-cylinder petrol engine which can either boost power or act as a generator to restore electric power. That gives the car a range of about 190 miles and a top speed of about 70mph. The pattern of simplicity set by the Asphalte is continued in the Touareg, with designers wanting to hop into a vehicle which has no doors but which stands comparatively tall. At least you do not have to remove the steering wheel and, once in, you can adjust the wheel and pedals for the best driving position.

Better still for the off-road enthusiast, there is nothing you can get dirty. Peugeot's young design team believes that once you get home from pounding the field with your muddy wellies, you just take a hose to the inside and give the Touareg a good soaking.

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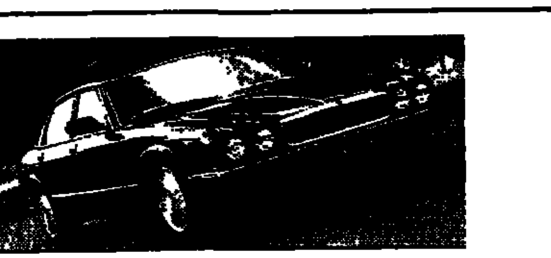

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The competition-beating XK8 is pure Jaguar, says **Kevin Eason**

So cool, it could have been Lyons-made

Right price, right pace, right time: a drive in the big cat's new sports car can only silence the critics

TONY WHITE

The bonnet diving down to the E-Type style grille is as distinctive a piece of imagery as anything currently on the road. Beneath lies an all-new V8 which proves refined, effortless and powerful

The scope for error was vast. Bob Dover knows that living with a legend is all very well, but the expectations are high when the wraps come off every new Jaguar.

Sir William Lyons built one of the most famous names in the motoring world with a succession of ground-breaking designs to create some of the most desirable cars of all time. Trouble is that the legacy of legend can be hard to bear in a tougher world when the gap between the competition is razor thin.

But Mr Dover can sleep easily in his bed tonight, for the XK8 is a car that Sir William would have approved of. Jaguar has found the perfect balance between the grand tourer and nimble sports car . . . and at a bargain-basement price that will set the competition on its ear. All Sir William's cars were value-for-money, and XK8 is no different: £47,950 for the coupé — between £32,000 and £35,000 cheaper than BMW, Mercedes or Aston Martin rivals offering equivalent performance and equipment.

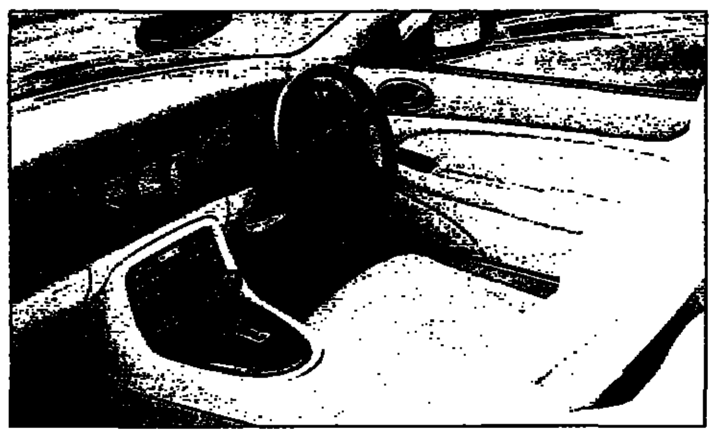
The XK8 was the most demanding programme yet set for Jaguar by its Ford owner because it had to be delivered from concept to finished car in 30 months. In fact, the engineering team came in three months ahead of schedule — a cost saving of about £30 million — and they surpassed every tough target set on quality to make this the best-built Jaguar ever, according to Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman. This is a British car that could set Japanese standards for reliability and quality, he says, levels which could never be achieved on the outgoing XJS.

Because XK8 is based on the old XJS platform, worries ran high that the car would be little more than a revamp of the old barge. The XJS has been Jaguar's best-selling sports car, but it had 20 years of production and, in truth, was as unlovely as a car can get, with more flying buttresses than the average cathedral. Any carry-over would have destroyed the XK8's chances. In fact, Dover, XK8's chief engineer, says that the car is 80 per cent new, 10 per cent from the XJ saloons and only about 10 per cent — essentially the platform — from the XJS.

At the heart of the changes is a new power-train which is as much a step forward as anything to have come from Jaguar in its history. Jaguar has had only three generations of engine since 1948, all six and 12-cylinder power-packs. The fourth generation departs radically from history in that it is built outside the company — by Ford in Bridgend though designed entirely in-house — and that it is a V8, which is refined, effortless and powerful with astonishing acceleration in the mid-range — the place you need it when you want to overtake or pull through tricky uphill bends. Dover reckons the engineering team wanted the torque, or pulling power, to feed in as soon as the throttle is pushed and there is no doubt that they got it right.

There is no manual gearchange, because Jaguar says that there is no demand. No wonder, because the new five-speed automatic transmission is so smooth and efficient that changes up or down are barely noticed.

While other carmakers have added sequential semi-automatic gearboxes — so the driver pushes forward to change up and back to go down — as the manual alternative in an auto box, Jaguar has stuck resolutely to its J-gate system. It was the right decision because it is so easy to use, the stick simply pushed from second to third and so on. Unlike a sequential change, the driver always knows what gear the car is in because of the location of the gearstick.


Traditional interior comforts feature a magical sound system

Not that even a run of tough and twisting roads needed much gear-changing on first test, such is the flexibility of the new power-train. Second will take the car up to almost 90mph, the V8 growling gently under the long, fluted bonnet. Even when working the car hard, the ride is stable but with enough feedback through the wheel to allow the driver to feel sports-car responses. Where the old XJS wallowed, the XK8 springs into action, turning sharply and accurately, the ride always predictable and sure-footed.

Part of that responsiveness comes from a much-improved body and chassis, which is 25 per cent stiffer than the XJS so that there is no flexing of metal through bumps and lumps. Add to that the sort of ride you would expect to feel in a Jaguar and the car becomes one of the most enjoyable to drive in any price bracket, not least because the company has retained the virtues prized most by its traditional buyers.

Forget criticism you might have read that XK8 is too bulky and too like its distant and also Ford-owned cousin, the Aston Martin DB7: I defy anyone to tell me that the XK8 does not look fabulous, particularly as a convertible. The bonnet diving down to the E-Type style grille is as distinctive a piece of imagery as anything currently on the road, as you will discover when you see an XK8 appear in your rear-view mirror.

Inside, the XK8 offers the traditional comforts: wood and tasteful leather, a restful but clear set of dials . . . and one new option which blasts the opposition: a 240-watt, ten-speaker sound system tailored to the XK8's acoustics by Harmon Kardon, the American specialists. After a window-rattling session with Messrs Elgar, Saint-Saens and Sting, the system catapulted itself from Jaguar option to a "must have" for me.

That touch of extra magic — rarely found among even the most expensive cars — speaks volumes for Jaguar. Other carmakers could produce a valid argument on behalf of the cars competing with the XK8 in an almost overcrowded marketplace. Mercedes could argue for the logic of its engineering, BMW for its reliability, Porsche for its sporting heritage.

But marques rarely appeal to the heart in the way that Jaguar does. The engineering of the XK8 is not just the best to have come out of Coventry in the 60 years since the business was founded, but the car is covered in tiny details, touches which make the driver and passenger feel special as soon as they clutch the keys.

Bob Dover's brief said the XK8 had to be "sensuous, instantly desirable, exhilirating and stir emotions". It is and it does.

JAGUAR XK8

Engine: 4-litre AJ-V8 developing 290 brake horse power through five-speed automatic gearbox driving rear wheels. Equipped with traction control.

Performance: 0 to 60mph in 6.4 seconds (6.7 convertible), top speed limited to 156mph (154).

Economy: Fuel consumption, 22.9mpg average (23.3 convertible).

Dimensions: length 4,760mm, width 2,015mm. Weight 2588kg.

Equipment: power steering, anti-lock brakes, airbags, remote locking, alarm immobiliser, tilt steering wheel, air conditioning, steering wheel audio controls, 17in alloy wheels. Convertible has powered foldaway roof.

Price: Coupé £47,950; convertible £54,950.

E-TYPE V XK8

They are soul-sisters, a quarter of a century apart, *writes Sue Baker*. I drove them minutes apart, and it was a time-warp of familiarity. Stepping out of an XK8 and into a newly restored E-Type underlined striking similarities and unexpected differences.

The new Jaguar is the E-Type for the Nineties, evocatively retro-styled, still a sleek and sultry big cat, but fatter and less feral.

The model that is the XK8's historical benchmark has more front and less behind, with a body dominated by its famously phallic bonnet and encasing a narrower, sparser cabin. But it still manages to rival the newcomer for headroom and beats it for visibility.

The E-Type tested is a Series II, 4.2-litre 2+2. When it was new in 1970 it cost £2,708. It was shared by two brothers who drove it hard and with little concern for its future as a covetable classic.

When owner Ray Attewell bought it eight years ago for £4,000, it was a rusty non-runner, unused for a decade. It has just emerged from a total restoration, which cost conservatively £25,000, not including hundreds of hours of preparation work by its owner. It is now effectively a 1970s car built in the 1990s, with body panels rust-protected and fitted to a far higher standard than when new.

Driving both cars back-to-back was as much a reminder of how good a car the E-Type was in its day as an endorsement of the XK8's status as E-Type reinvented.

The height of the two cars is similar, but from the inside the XK8 feels more encasing. It has a higher waistline and the window area feels smaller, giving the new Jaguar a slightly more claustrophobic feeling. That is despite the XK8 having perceptibly more elbow-room, even though its cabin is conspicuously more sybaritic.

The E-Type feels closer to nature. Its dashboard veneers are unmistakably real wood, and its renovated leather still has the once-lived-in look of real animal skin. In its sports-interior guise, the XK8's maple veneers are stained so dark and lacquered so heavily as to be indistinguishable from high-grade plastic, and its leather is perfection.

Where the XK8's ride is a muscular glide, distancing the driver from any physical discomforts from the road surface, the E-Type's is more informative, communicating what is underfoot without relaying much of its harshness. For a sports car built 26 years ago, the ride is remarkably good.

Both cars share a similarly mesmeric presence on the road. Wherever I drove it, the XK8's svelte, sensuous shape swivelled heads in its wake. But they were being turned more by its novelty, days ahead of its official release.

The E-Type commanded just as much attention. But no novelty here — it was simply in warm admiration of an unarguably, dramatically beautiful car.

If an XK8 driving past in the year 2022 still earns as many second looks as a renovated E-Type does today, only then can it truly pass as a worthy successor.

The quarter-century difference belies some striking similarities

Model: Series II fixed-head coupé 2+2.
Engine: 4.2 litre, six-cylinder, 265 bhp.
Dimensions: wheelbase: 8ft 9in, length: 15ft 4in, width; 5ft 6in.
Top speed: 139mph.
0-60: 7.4 secs.
Consumption: avg. 18-20 mpg; touring, 25 mpg.
Insurance: £200-£250 on an agreed-value, limited-mileage (3,000 miles annually) classic car policy.
Original Price: £2,708.71
Value: £25,000.

DB7 V XK8

Gorgeous looks, but at a price

Model: Aston Martin DB7 3.2 litre
Engine: supercharged in-line 335bhp six-cylinder.
0-60: 5.7 secs.
Top speed: 165mph.
Dimensions: length: 4,646mm, width 1,830mm.
Price: Coupé: £82,500, convertible £89,950

The similarity between the Aston Martin DB7 and the XK8 could be too close for comfort — for Aston, anyway. Those curved DB7 haunches and long overhangs tell the story of its heritage, cloned from the Jaguar XJS platform and with a straight-six supercharged 3.2-litre developed from a Jaguar race engine.

Performance figures are roughly similar, and, of course, an Aston is strong on traditional wood and leather like the Jag. But it would be too simple to say the cars are the same. The power characteristics are very different, and the Aston feels tauter and somehow smaller than the XK8, even though the dimensions are similar.

Being part of the same Ford family should not be a problem, although the XK8's value for money could be trying for Aston. Look for some Aston derivatives soon to try to catch the eye.

MERCEDES 500SL V XK8

Next to an XK8, Mercedes' SL looks expensive, fat . . . and damned ugly. The years have not been kind to the SL, and with every passing birthday, it looks more and more like the starlet who piled on the pounds and sprinted past her sell-by date.

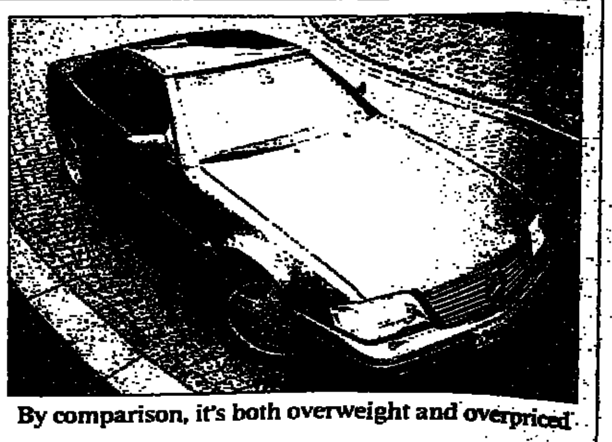
The SL looked a stunner at launch — but then there was barely anything else on the road to compare it with apart from the XJS, which was already so old it made the SL look positively anorexic and feel as nimble as George Best in his heyday.

Now Best would be hard-pressed to run a traffic light, never mind a full ninety minutes, while Mercedes answered the competition by loading more into the SL: bigger engines, more gadgets, more everything, except for a stereo fitted as standard.

The result in the SL500, which offers almost similar performance to an XK8, is of a bloated, muscle-bound motor — like being lugged by one of the Gladiators rather than wafted and beguiled. Acceleration is bludgeoning, but the sound feedback from the Merc's V8 is industrial rather than seductive. However, the handling is as safe and sound as you would expect from a Mercedes, huge rear tyres spreading themselves all over the road seemingly defying the gods to overcome their sticking power and the traction control system to trick it into a flurry of wheelspin.

The interior of the car is about as welcoming as a prison cell. Mercedes gives you plenty of leather but the instrument dial remains functional to the point of monochrome boredom, the steering wheel apparently comes straight from the deck of a leather-bound yacht and the automatic gearbox is too notchy and twiddly for rapid use for all but the extremely well practised. Of course, there is more equipment than even Nasa could use on a busy day, but that does not make the model more loveable. In fact, the SL — a car born in the 1980s when big was better — looks forlorn in the Nineties when swooping shapes and curves are in vogue and when its little sister, the SLK, looks cute and cuddly.

There is another thing if you are deciding about buying a new sports car: the SL range starts at £57,706 for the 2.8-litre and zooms up to £97,450 for the SL60 AMG, and you still have to b your own stereo.


By comparison, it's both overweight and overpriced

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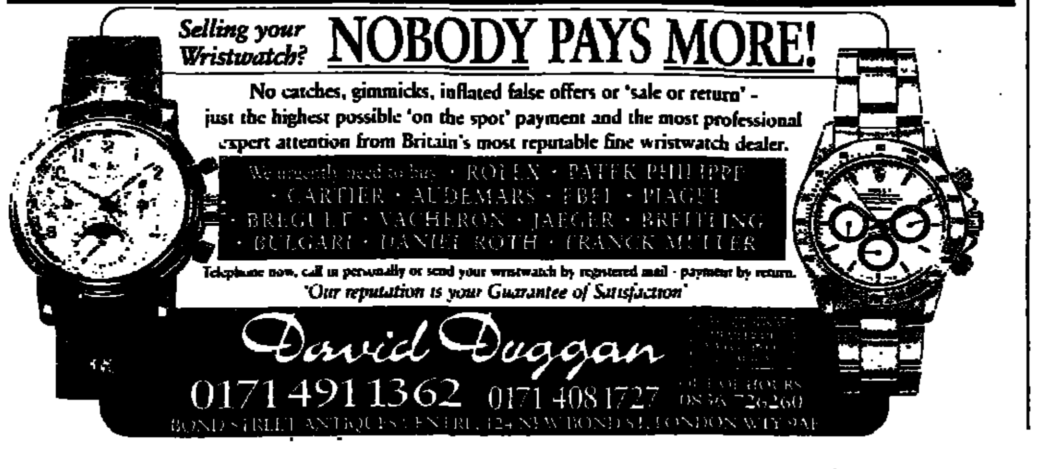

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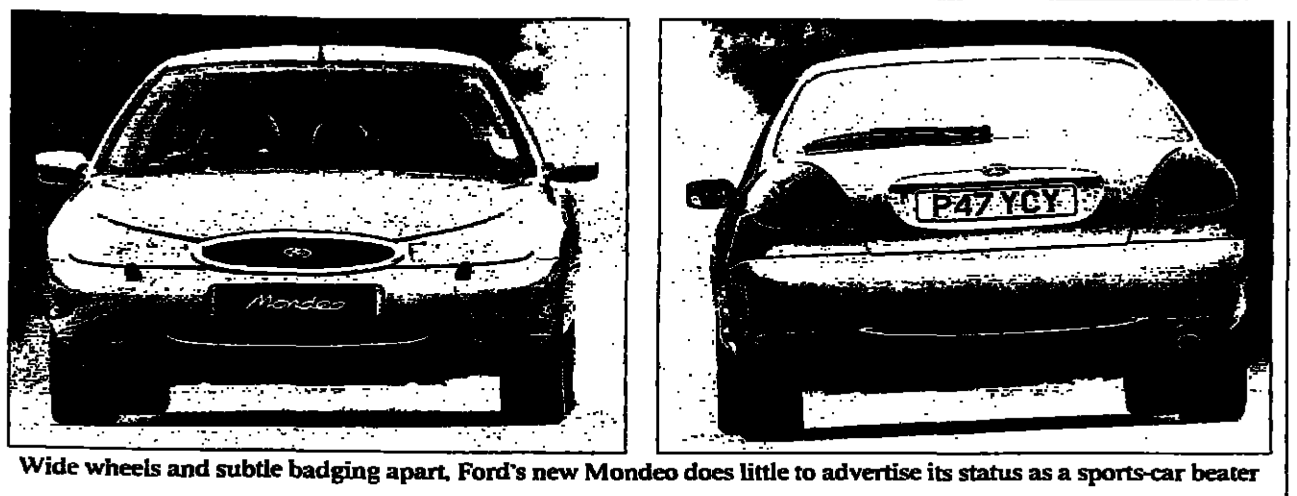

Wide wheels and subtle badging apart, Ford's new Mondeo does little to advertise its status as a sports-car beater

You expect a car like the Mondeo 24-valve to come with at least one set of go-faster stripes and a rear wing about the size of Concorde's, *writes Kevin Eason*. But there is nothing, just a discreet side-badge which says 24v, and some entertainingly large tyres.

The 2.5-litre V6 engine has torque and rasping power that will leave many a sports car gasping. Power is fed in so low down in the engine revs, the car is wonderfully driveable at all speeds. In fact, the package is so good, I wonder why so many people spend so much on cars which might have more prestigious badges.

The 24v is the top of the Mondeo range, which has now been revamped. We have only been able to test the star of the line-up, so we will bring news later of the rest.

Fifteen-inch wheels are fitted to most of the 2.5-litre models, with 16-inchers on the sports ST-24. Inside, there is wood and leather if you want it — I prefer to do without both. Depending where you enter the 24v range, there is air conditioning in a cabin which is both ergonomic and welcoming, and enhanced by one of the new-generation Ford sound systems which has large-format buttons.

Where the 24v becomes a competitor to BMW or Mercedes is under the bonnet; the 2.5-litre Duratec is a revelation, with a wide power-band making overtaking easy. Just slipping the Mondeo 24v *into second or third is enough* to get full torque low down, so when you floor the throttle, the car is away immediately.

BMW and Mercedes drivers might think they have more cachet in their cars, but I guarantee that motorists who enjoy driving would not walk away from a Mondeo 24v after a test. It really is that good.

FORD MONDEO 24V

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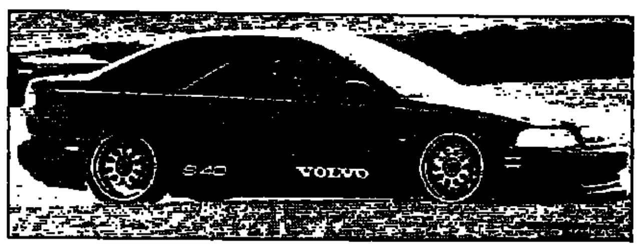


The S40 will be prepared by Damon Hill's new boss

It's another exciting Volvo

■ THE VOLVO 850, which has become such a familiar star on touring-car racetracks is to give way to a racing version of the stylish new S40 model, *writes Alan Copps*. The 850, in the hands of Swedish driver Rickard Rydell, won four races in the British Touring Car Championship this year to give him third place in the drivers' contest and Volvo third place in the manufacturers' title. Frank Biela and Audi won the two championships.

■ THE RACING 850 has been a key element in the company's succesful campaign to transform its image from supplier of staid estates to creator of exciting road cars. Like the 850, the racing version of the highly-praised S40 will be prepared at Linfield in Oxfordshire by Tom Walkinshaw, the racing specialist who also owns the Arrows Formula One team and has just become Damon Hill's new boss.

FORECOURT

■ Prestige German saloons and a fun-loving two-seat open-top sportster are this week's used-car stars, says price experts CAP Black Book, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Showing strongest used prices is the BMW 3-Series of 1992-95. High-mileage examples especially (60,000 to 100,000 miles) are doing best, with a 1993 L-reg 318i SE fetching £10-11,000. A must for buyer or seller is a full service history stuffed with BMW stamps. Metallic paint is another feature which will ensure a strong resale value.

Another German fetching good prices is the Mercedes-Benz E-Class. A 1995 E230 Elegance on 10,000 miles will fetch £29,995 retail, and desperate dealers will buy practically anything, regardless of colour or equipment.

Mazda's cute MX-5, despite the onset of autumn, is enjoying a boom, ironically fuelled by the arrival of the Rover MGF. Every magazine report on the Rover car invariably refers, flatteringly, to its MX-5 rival. A 1992-93 car, costing £18,500 when new, will sell for £13,000, with the Special Edition leather, wood and carpeted versions, most sought after.

Not doing so well is the Honda Shuttle people carrier. Despite top-class reliability and build quality, the Shuttle simply is not popular, largely because its high new price of around £24,000 is reflected in used values. Only used examples at under £20,000, such as the 1995 2.2-litre Shuttle on 10,000 miles for £18,000, are likely to find customers.

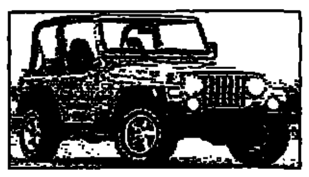
The Ford Escort Cosworth is as hot in the market as it is on the road. Seen by many as a future classic car, high retail prices are being fetched by examples that have a full service history. Sadly, there are few around in pristine condition. Long top of the thief's hit list, many have been recovered damaged after being stolen or, having proved too potent for their owner, repaired after an accident. A good-condition 1995 M-registered car with leather upholstery, low mileage and FSH, should fetch £24,000.

SPARE PARTS

History sold and shown

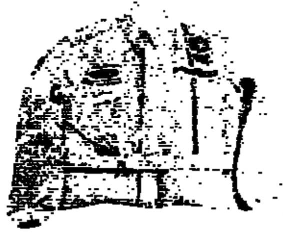
■ CHRYSLER Jeep is going back to its roots by unveiling an all-new Jeep Wrangler at the Birmingham motor show later this month, *writes Alan Copps*. The Wrangler, ultimate successor to the Second World War general-purpose vehicle that gave the world the word "jeep", has been completely updated for a new right-hand drive version.

Other new vehicles include, for the first time in Britain, the Chrysler Voyager, claimed to be the world's first people-carrier, which has sold seven million worldwide since its launch in 1984.



New Jeep set for Britain

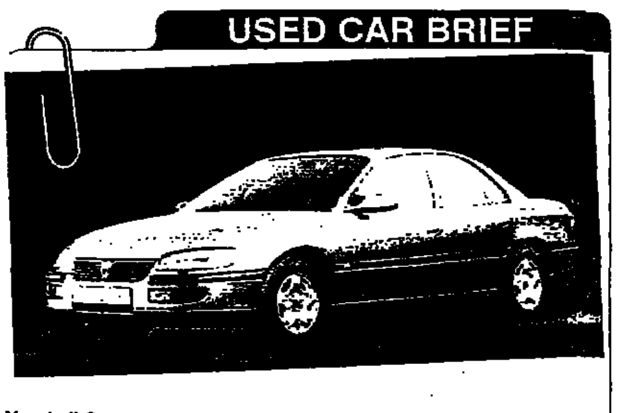
■ RACE overalls worn by *three-times world champion* Jackie Stewart in the 1971 Monaco Grand Prix, sold for £22,425 (against an estimate of £1,800) at Brooks's Formula One sale in London last Monday. Stirling Moss's first white race helmet fetched £26,450.



High price for GP jacket

■ THE TWIN centenaries of the British motor industry and cinema are being celebrated at a specially created venue, the Ultimate Drive-In at Centenary Square, Birmingham. Kevin Costner's golfing movie *The Tin Cup* has its premiere on October 13.

USED CAR BRIEF



Vauxhall Omega
Vauxhall's big car, the Omega replaced the Carlton and Senator which had earned their spurs as high-mileage motorway workhorses with police forces nationwide. Launched in 1994, the Omega four-door saloon and five-door estate range has endless engine options, from the 2-litre eight and 16-valve, to 2.5 and 3-litre V6, and the 2.5-litre turbodiesel, sourced from BMW.

✓ **GOOD NEWS** Built to rival the BMWs and Rovers of this world, the Omega features suitably admirable build quality. Inside, there is plenty of passenger space, as well as luggage room.

BAD NEWS Inside the car has earned some criticism for over exuberant use of plastic. Check that trim and upholstery are as healthy looking as the rest of the car should be

LOOK FOR A used Omega is going to be one of the newer used cars around, and almost all will have come off a company car fleet. So check on its pedigree and that it has a full service history.

AVOID As the emissions element of the MoT gets ever more stringent, check that the car's catalytic converter is in perfect condition. For early cars especially, under-car knocks and bumps could have rendered the "cat" useless.

SAFETY RATING A driver side airbag is standard equipment on the Omega range, as is anti-lock braking and three-point seatbelts for all three rear seat passengers, and there are dual airbags on the CD and CDX models. Big cars are generally safer and this is no exception.

INSURANCE A 1994 2-litre Omega costs a 55-year old man in Winchester with full no claims bonus, £244 fully comprehensive. A similar female pays £231. A 22-year old male, with one year no claims living in South London pays £1,992, a similar female £1,794. *(AA Insurance 0800 444777)*

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OVERALL Even a high mileage two-year-old Omega has a decade at least of honest driving left in it. Big cars always depreciate fastest and there are huge savings to be had buying such cars second-hand rather than new. The Omega is a genuine modern car, safe, sophisticated and economical to run, as well as superbly comfortable on long journeys even in 2-litre 16-valve form.

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Clare Latimer with Toyota Celica and Tansy, her collie-cross who leaves an unfortunate coat of hair for front-seat passengers

Clare Latimer, best known as the Downing Street chef, has cooked for most of the Tory ministers gathered in Bournemouth this weekend for the last party conference before the General Election.

In 1993 she became famous for not having an affair with John Major, winning libel damages from *New Statesman and Society*.

Latimer still creates culinary masterpieces for John and Norma Major, is employed by Conservative Central Office, and provides the food at 11 and 12 Downing Street, as well as the grander Foreign Office parties. She was brought up in a theatrical family, and launches her third culinary guide, *The Comfort Food Cookbook*, next month.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Clare hates talking about politics. "It is very personal and gets heated. People imagine I know a lot because I work in Downing Street so frequently."

How did you first learn to drive?

I was lucky enough to spend most of my childhood on a farm with a one-mile drive. It meant that I could learn when I was only 13. I passed my driving test within weeks of turning 17. My independence started from that moment.

What was your first car?

I bought a pale grey Mini for £200. I decided to make it different by painting the roof primrose. I did this near the farm animals. Within half-an-hour the roof looked like one of those flying strips.

What car do you drive now and why?

A Toyota Celica I have had ten years. I wish I could find a replacement but nothing is right.

Do you like driving?

Yes, except in London. Beyond the M25, driving is my hobby but in London I try to walk or cycle.

What is your dream car?

For the last 30 years it has been an Aston Martin convertible. Christmas is coming up if anyone needs help with my present.

What is your most hated car?

Any which belches out filthy exhaust fumes. The driver should be fined on the spot and made, as a punishment, to ride a bicycle for a year to see what the fumes taste like.

What is your worst habit in the car?

I keep letting Tansy, my collie-cross dog, sit in the front seat. When smartly dressed friends ask for a lift my heart sinks. They always get out of the car with a fur coat on their backs, but as it is behind them I say nothing.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Many things, as the roads are too crowded, but the worst are the messenger bikes that weave in and out of the traffic and the cars that overtake on the left.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

About ten years ago, when I was working as weekend chef to the Lola Formula 3000 motor racing team, I was unleashed on the track at Spa in Belgium. I took my Renault Fuego round twice. It was a great experience and even though I was going half the speed of the racing cars it felt terrifying.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Yes. About 20 years ago I was stopped on the M5 on the way to Cornwall and was caught doing 92mph. I am rather proud today of managing such a speed so long ago. It is the only time so far I have been booked, fingers crossed.

What do you listen to in the car?

Classic FM when I need calming down, Fleetwood Mac's Formula One theme tune, *Break the Chain*, when I need revving up, or *Nelly the Elephant* when I need to revive my sense of humour.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Abolish car tax and add a few pence on the price of petrol. Cars would have to show their insurance certificate on the windscreen.

What is your favourite car advertisement?

So many of them say nothing about the car. How many of us drive round mountains all day, through burning fields, into the sitting room to watch telly, or cut our clothes into rags? What are they trying to say?

DR DASHBOARD

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Q **Amazing what you find in your car. I pushed a little button on my dashboard the other day and these little cupholder thingies popped out. What are they for?**

A For your leisure revolution, of course. You probably haven't realised it, but the carmakers say that you didn't just buy your hatchback to pick up the kids from school or go to the shops. You really want to exploit what Ford calls your "attitudinal mindset" so that your car meets your lifestyle demands. So your car gets a cupholder.

Q **Eh? Is any of this supposed to make sense. I suspect you keep supplies of medicinal gin in your cupholder, don't you?**

A Don't be ridiculous. I would never drink and drive — it's hard enough to drink and walk. No, the carmakers spend a lot of time worrying about these tiny details, spending millions of pounds deciding where to put a cupholder so you don't spill your refreshing cola: the new Renault Scenic, tested elsewhere in this esteemed journal, has six cupholders and two in-flight food trays.

Q **So I could throw a dinner party picnic in the back of the car — a sort of Nineties-style meals-on-wheels affair.**

A I do the jokes in this column! However, you are not so far from the truth there. Two Americans suggested a few years ago drivers could cook entire meals by wrapping food in tin foil and placing it on the engine.

Q **Astonishing. How does it work? Is it easy to cook anything from gourmet meals to TV dinners under the bonnet?**

A I suppose you put your food on the manifold, set off for a spot on the map and cook at gas mark 70mph. By the way, this is one time you can't cook electric because a battery car will not generate enough heat, so you can't be environmentally friendly and hungry at the same time, for this idea.

Q **You really are no help for a doctor, are you? Is there any useful advice you can give to Britain's motorists on this subject?**

A Actually, yes. Those Americans wrote a book called *Manifold Destiny — The One! The Only! Guide to Cooking on Your Car Engine*. Your chances of buying it here are slim unless you order from a specialist bookshop. It was published by Villard Books in the USA. But if you're hungry, you can join me in the pub for egg and chips if you like. Bring your own cupholders though.

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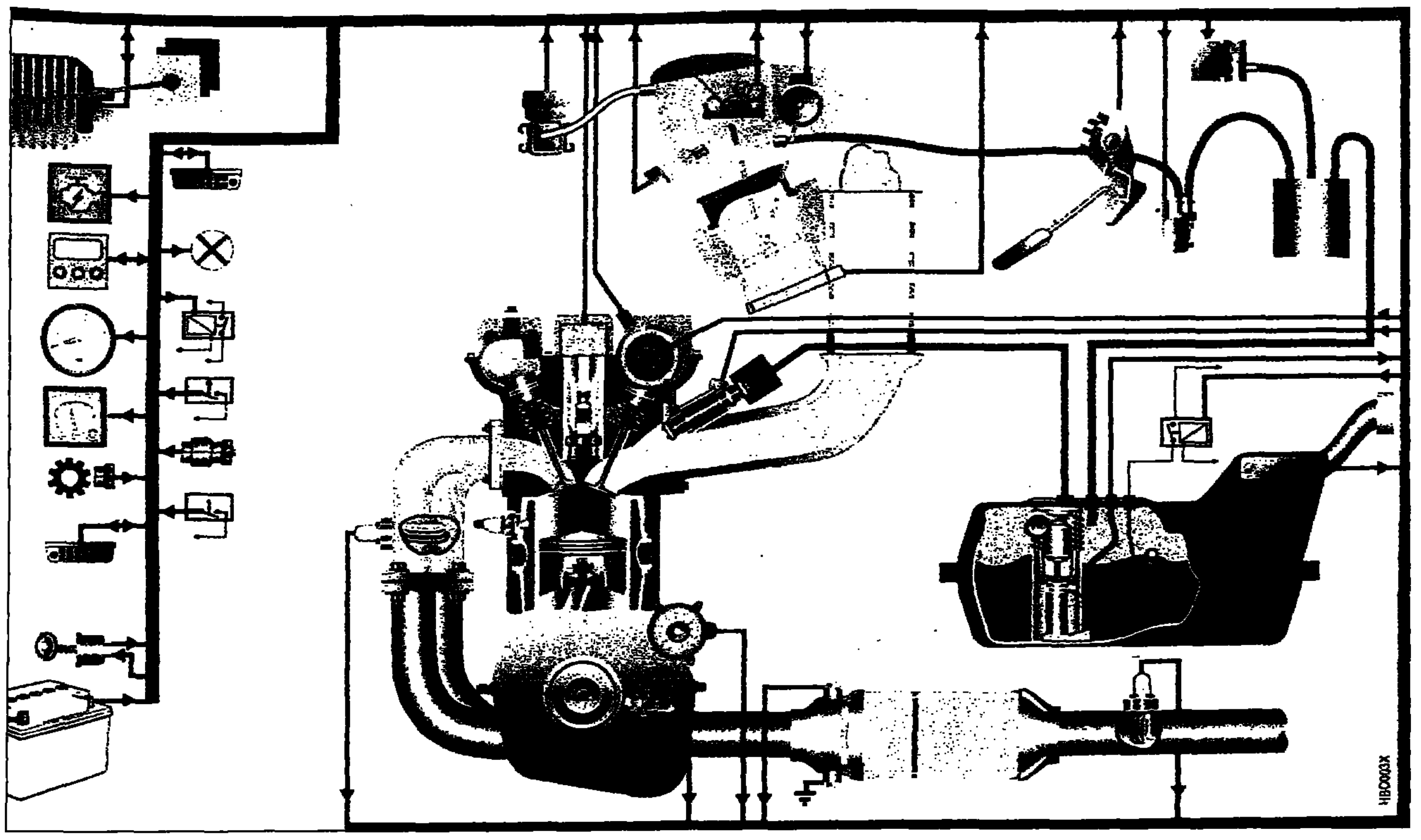


CLEAN-AIR SOLUTIONS

The system above includes a fuel tank (black, centre right) with evaporation control. The inlet flow (yellow) includes an air-assisted fuel injector, while oxygen sensors monitor the exhaust (red) and heated catalytic converter (orange).

Emissions impossible?

Smart cats are set to become the heart of tomorrow's green engines

By the year 2000, your car will need not just a catalytic converter but an array of gadgets to check that the catalyst is working correctly and warn the driver if anything goes wrong with it.

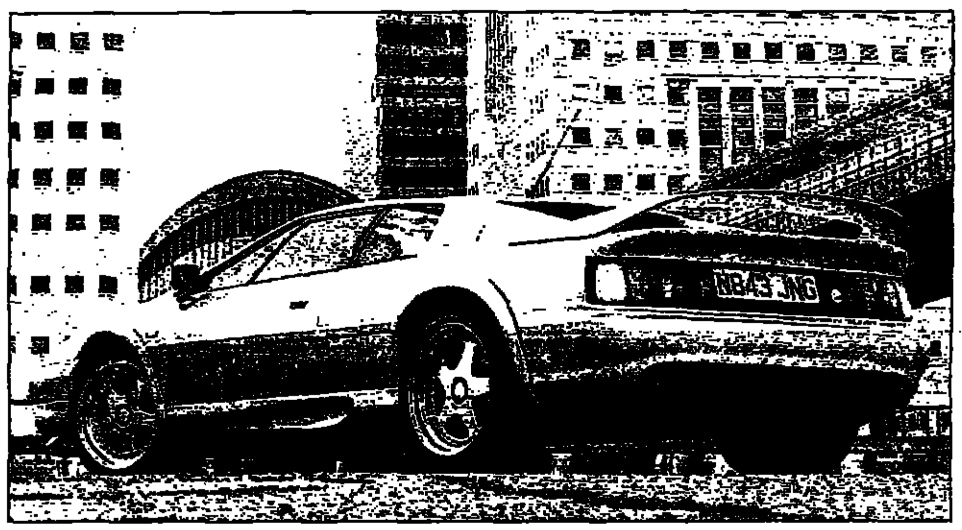
Converters may have contributed to reducing pollution so far, but in the second wave of controls on emissions, already drawn up in California for introduction in 1997 and due to become mandatory in Europe in 2000, the demands placed on them will be much greater.

There are two problems with converters in their present form: they are delicate pieces of equipment slung vulnerably beneath the car and therefore easily damaged; and they take some minutes to warm up and become fully effective. Some critics claim this makes them virtually useless on short urban journeys.

At present a 40-second delay is allowed between start-up and the collection of exhaust gases to check the efficiency of a converter. Under the new rules, converters will be required to operate immediately and they will also have to be constantly monitored so drivers can be warned immediately if they lose effectiveness.

The technology to meet these demands already exists. It featured among a number of developments — which can be expected to appear in production cars very soon — demonstrated by Delphi Automotive Systems, the world's largest supplier of car components and part of the General Motors empire, at its first European Ride and Drive day at the French motor industry's Mortefontaine test track.

One of the more surprising vehicles to find at such an event was a Lotus Esprit V8. But this product of Norfolk is one of the vehicles on the road which already meets the emission standards for 2000, demonstrating conclusively that an environmentally friendly car does not have to be a dull passenger transport.



Lotus's Esprit V8 already meets stringent 21st-century exhaust laws. But dull it isn't

When Lotus set about designing its all-new engine, it built in features that would allow the exhaust system to be adapted to meet not only the emission standards but also the demands for monitoring, known by the clumsy acronym of EOBD — European On-Board-Diagnostics. The V8 uses a number of Delphi components, chiefly a valve which recirculates exhaust gas into the engine intake, increasing fuel economy and reducing nitrogen oxide emissions. It also has Multec fuel injectors designed to meet high-performance requirements.

The Lotus was there to demonstrate, convincingly in the hands of its test driver, that such improvements can be made without damaging its sensational performance. But the means of doing this were more easily discernible aboard an Opel Astra fitted with a full version of the emissions and monitoring system.

The first part of the problem was tackled by fitting a small warm-up converter next to the exhaust manifold under the bonnet, where it reaches the right working temperature immediately. When the engine is started a valve opens and directs the exhaust through this converter until the main one has reached working temperature. A by-pass valve then closes off the warm-up converter.

The main converter also has oxygen sensors at each end to monitor its efficiency, and another sensor to detect any engine misfiring. These sensors are connected to the engine management unit. So, for example, if the oxygen sensor at the rear of the converter detects an excess of unburnt hydrocarbons, indicating that the fuel mixture is too rich, it can instantly restrict flow through the injection system to correct the balance and achieve a "clean burning" mixture. If such corrective action fails it illuminates a dashboard warning light to show the driver he has a faulty catalyst.

An extra device was fitted to the Astra which enabled the engineer in the passenger seat to induce a misfire. A 2 per cent misfire introduced during normal driving was barely perceptible, yet it produced a 50 per cent increase in emissions, illustrating the value of monitoring.

But it is not just the air outside the car that the Delphi engineers have been concerned with keeping clean. Another demonstration car, with air conditioning, was fitted with a pollution sensor mounted against the cabin air inlet. If it registered heavily polluted air, for example if the car was following a smoky lorry, it closed the inlet and automatically switched the unit to recirculate the air already in the cabin. It also had a warning light to indicate when the pollen filter was exhausted. Such a system has already been installed on some 5-Series BMWs.

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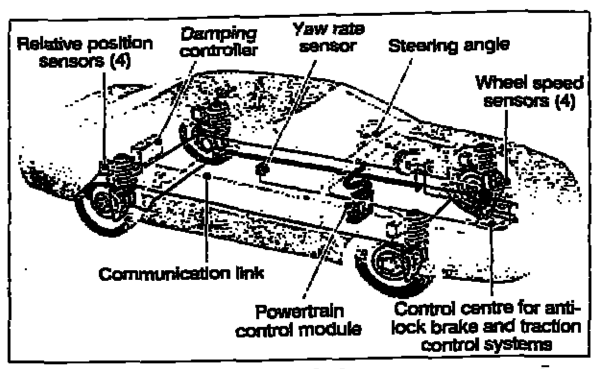
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"Now, that was with the system switched off. It will help show you the contrast," he laughed. With the system on, we approached a row of cones across. He wrenched the wheel to the right: Yes, the car lurched; the tyres squealed, the brakes were firmly on. But he completed the manouevre keeping full control and the car emerged from the "emergency" steady and straight.

Traxxar is already in use in the United States and is expected in Europe very soon. It is one of a series of safety measures that can be introduced using many existing components on a car. For example, it uses the same set of sensors as an anti-lock braking system.

The version fitted to the Saab worked by comparing the yaw rate of the car (the way in which it sways about its centre of gravity) with the driver's movement of the steering wheel. It then varies the engine's power and can selectively apply individual brakes to maintain maximum stability.

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FANTASY LEAGUE UPDATE

Stars thrash home racers

WHILE ALL eyes will be on the title struggle between Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve at the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka next weekend, one man in the BBC commentary box will be more confident of victory than either of the Williams drivers.

In the *CAR 96* Formula One Fantasy Drive Celebrity Team League, Jonathan Palmer enters the final race with an almost unassailable lead of 117 points over his nearest rival Nick Mason of Pink Floyd. If there's anything to be learned from this exercise it seems that a certain amount of track-craft counts. Palmer obviously learned his during a ten-year Formula One career, and rock drummer Mason regularly drives in historic races. Meanwhile, third place is held by Stirling Moss.

The Palmer Promosport team of Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Salo, Panis, Rosset and Badoer has been among the front runners all season and now has an impressive 7,798 points, which would put it around 20th in the overall contest. Unfortunately Palmer's prize is unlikely to match the £10,000 jackpot on offer to our main winner.

Mason's Ten Tenths team has the same drivers in every category except for World Champion Michael Schumacher in place of Damon Hill, and has accumulated 7,681 points.

The Stirling Moss Automobile Racing Team of Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Brundle, Salo, Panis, Rosset and Montermini is on 7,469. Since the maximum points scored by any driver in any race has rarely exceeded 120, and because the leading teams are so similar the chance of these positions changing seems slim. The rest of our contestants in order are: Louise Aitken Walker, 7,441 points; Sir David Steel, 7,217; Tess Stimson, 6,949; Chris Rea, 6,923; Carol Vorderman, 6,901; Lord March, 6,234 and, gentlemanly as always and allowing our distinguished guests to go ahead, Team *Car '96* (Kevin Eason and Alan Copps) on 6,068 points.

Johnathan Palmer has taken a significant lead

Perhaps Damon Hill might take some comfort from the fact that the team at the bottom of that list was the only one to select at the beginning of the season Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the German driver who is to supplant him at Williams next season.

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The British races have been dominated by the 600bhp McLaren F1 GTR of Ian Flux and Jake Ulrich who have a commanding lead in the championship after winning a series of duels with the Porsche 993 GT1 of John Greasley and John Morrison. But the McLaren team has also experienced some stirring battles against surprising opposition. The Marcos LM500 of Cor Euser and Thomas Erdos, which won the first race at Silverstone in March, has twice beaten the mighty F1 and there have also been overall victories for Win Percy in the Harrier LR9C, Frenchman Marc Sourd in a Renault Spider V6 and the TVR Cerbera of Mark Hales and Phil Andrews. The Marcos LM600 of Schirle and Warnock leads the Class Two championship.

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Awards judge **Sue Baker** explains the tough tests vehicles face in the search for the caravanner's best car

Hunt is on for the best tow-job

An outrageous squealing of tyres rent the air. One car was hurtling through a tight series of bends. Another was powering round a steep banked curve into a fast straight stretch of Tarmac.

The location was a test track, and cars were being put punishingly through their paces. What was unusual about this particular test session was that in the wake of every hard-driven car was a caravan. The vehicles undergoing rigorous assessment were contenders for the Caravan Club's Towcar of the Year awards, being judged by a heavy-footed panel of drivers.

The annual awards decide which cars new on the market in the past year deserve accolades as best suited to the controversial task of lugging caravans about the country. The Caravan Club has been running the competition for 14 years for the enlightenment of its 285,000 members.

The judging is performed over two days at a Surrey test track every September, in preparation for an awards ceremony in London during October. This year, 39 cars from 19 manufacturers were vying for trophies. I drove them all. I am one of the judges.

Admitting to the fact requires a thick skin and a modicum of bravado. Saying that you evaluate cars for their proficiency at towing caravans is akin to admitting to being Jeremy Clarkson's hairdresser, or a Val Doonican fan, or someone who irons their jeans.

For caravanners, derision is a familiar experience. But I make no apology for my involvement in the towcar competition. As an exercise in car assessment, it is both rewarding and revealing, on several counts.

Driving a car with a caravan hooked up behind magnifies its inherent characteristics. A car which tows well has a fundamental engineering integrity, thus indicating a tendency to behave creditably in most other situations.

Equally, few mechanical or behavioural flaws escape scrutiny when a lump weighing nearly as much again as the car towing it is being hauled along behind, especially when the car is being driven as energetically as typically happens during towcar judging.

There's the rub. The soundly competent behaviour of most properly matched, modern car-trailer rigs when being driven at an unusually pressurised pace is telling. It shows that there is no cause for caravans to be driven like the lumbering mobile chicanes which anecdotally hinder and infuriate other traffic during the congested holiday season.

The tests each competing car undergoes are extensive. They are assessed for their acceleration from a standing start and between 30 and 60mph, the overtaking zone; for stability at speed; for their clean pull-away from a steep hill-start and the ability of the handbrake to hold the rig on the same slope.

Traction, gearbox suitability, brakes, handling and manoeuvring, driver ergonomics, operating costs and value for money within a price class are all judged, in a total of 11 categories with up to 21 points awarded by each judge in each category.

Cars are also assessed for their practical suitability for caravanning, such as access to the boot when hitched, and whether commonly used equipment can be stowed upright inside the car. To put the cars being judged for the towcar awards on an even playing field, all the caravans used in the tests are ballasted to bring their weight to precisely 85 per cent of that of the car under test.

The car's tyre pressures are increased in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendation for towing, and concrete blocks are placed in the front footwell to represent a passenger's weight.

PETER TREVNOR

Sue Baker: a proud towcar judge, despite the derision heaped upon caravanners, as the rigorous tests can expose any car's flaws

Towcar judges drive alone, but few caravanners do.

Caravanners may be the continual butt of mirth, but judging the towcar awards is no joke. It is as scientific as the organisers can make it, and the results pay tribute to the integrity of the winning cars.

One of the reasons underlying caravanning's slightly tainted reputation may well be the inexperience of some people new to towing, who try to pull oversized vans with undersized cars. Another may be due to those who take to the road without having mastered the back-to-front art of reversing a towed rig.

There is no excuse for caravanners to be a pain in the back lanes and an irritation to other road users. The Caravan Club runs courses to guide novices through the more demanding intricacies of caravan management, towing and manoeuvring. They are invaluable for anyone who wants to start towing from scratch, or whose skills are frankly rusty and need brushing up.

This year's towcar results will be revealed in mid-October. The winners are the ones that towed unflinchingly despite brutal treatment on widely varied terrain, that didn't stumble, stall or overheat the clutch on a steep hillstart, and that endeared themselves for generally good, safe, efficient behaviour.

They are an elite bunch of cars whose success in the awards will be trumpeted by car manufacturers. There are an estimated 500,000 trailer caravans in Britain, and they all need towcars.

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Helen Mound meets Renault's family activity vehicle

Car that wants to come out to play

It was like watching Paul Daniels do his stuff with a magic hat; the Renault PR man kept pulling bicycles, toys and bottles from the new Scenic, demonstrating the car's numerous pockets and hideyholes. The resulting pile of one family's paraphernalia from one Scenic would have been enough to stock a small toyshop.

The new Scenic is the latest in Renault's six-car Megane range, the hatchback and coupé were launched in April this year, the saloon is out next year, the cabriolet the following year and the estate in 1998.

But this is the answer to the prayers of any family driver who never has enough storage space in the car. It's best described as an automotive activity centre; just discovering all the cubbyholes and drinks holders is an adventure in itself. If Fisher Price turned it's hand to car production this could well be the result.

Renault is looking to create yet another sector in the European market with the Scenic, as it did with the Espace in 1984. But Renault UK marketing director Phil Horton insists that the new car is not just a miniaturised MPV. "We don't consider the Scenic a niche product to be sold to the adventurous few. A car with so many attributes will not be a niche vehicle, it will appeal to mainstream customers. It's a realistic alternative to a family hatchback."

To get away from the image of miniature-MPV, Renault rather appropriately refers to the Scenic as an "activity car". Horton argues: "We see this as potentially the biggest change in the UK marketplace since the launch of the hatchback in the 1960s."

That is not the only bold remark that Renault UK is making about the new Scenic either. Despite the fact that the company refuses to talk sales figures or market shares, it sees the activity car as a "volume opportunity" and expects it to be the second best-selling Megane.

One way it claims that it will achieve high sales is with competitive pricing. Horton points out the average price of a car in the UK is £13,200, and the average price of an MPV is a steep £19,200. He says that the type of motorist that Renault is looking to attract will be reflected in the pricing of the vehicle.

"We're not looking to attract estate car or MPV drivers, we want to convince hatchback drivers this is the car they need." A top luxury-equipped Scenic is estimated to cost around £15,000.

The customer profile he is aiming for is also bold: "All age-groups, one-car families, singles and couples with and without children." That just about covers everybody.

Renault is the doyen of what is known as "monospace" vehicles; cars with a single interior space. As well as the highly popular Espace (which is about to show a new face), Renault also sells the diminutive Twingo in France.

And if the new Scenic is creating a whole new market for activity vehicles, the new Espace looks set to take the MPV market to new heights. Unveiled this week at the Paris Motor Show, Renault's new Espace is a highly futuristic-looking vehicle that is scheduled to go on sale in Britain next year.

Renault chairman Louis Schweitzer happily points out that the company is planning to create and dominate a new market with the Scenic, as it did with the Espace: "Soon, almost every manufacturer will have a mid-range monospace, but for the next two years at least, Scenic will have no rivals in Europe."

The Scenic may look a very different car, but anyone who's ever driven an Espace is going to feel at home in a Scenic. The new car has the high seat and right-angled driving position of the original MPV, which can be tiring on the knees and ankles.

Despite concerted attempts to make the Scenic as car-like as possible, Renault still hasn't achieved the more laid-back, legs-stretched-out driving position most motorists favour. Nevertheless, the pedals are light, the seats supportive, the steering precise and the gearchange reasonably slick, so there's little else to wear the driver out.

Best of all, the Scenic has a more familiar dashboard, having come straight from the Megane hatchback; it doesn't have the vast expanse of plastic that spreads out in front of the driver and front passenger in most MPVs.

The difference between the Scenic and an ordinary hatchback is its extensive interior space and convenient features such as underfloor storage compartments; interchangeable rear seats; a parcel shelf that can take the weight of a large aquarium; and the mix-and-match coloured seats (although Renault UK is still deciding whether it is to include those).

In total, its features comprise: 12 pockets, six storage compartments (three of them underfloor), two flight trays on the back of rear seats, six drinks holders, and three individual removable rear seats with adjustable legroom. There are also two bottle holders, a map-reading light and a 120-watt power socket under the rear seats.

The centre rear seat can be turned into a table or replaced with a chill box, and with centre seat removed, the outer rear seats can be moved to allow for more elbow room. The rear parcel shelf has two height positions, and can also be placed flat on the boot floor.

The difference between the Scenic and an Espace is its smaller exterior dimensions. Renault has virtually maintained the length and width of the Megane hatchback, but increased the height by 18cms. The Scenic has the headroom and high seat position of an MPV, but it carries five passengers instead of seven, and fits the same parking space as a mid-range car.

Surely all of that adds up to a miniaturised-MPV? But please don't tell Renault UK I said so.

The Scenic, below right, is the latest Megane, and is intended to create its own market

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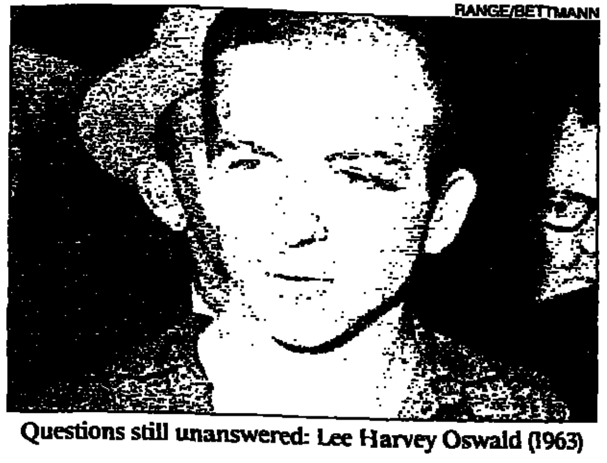
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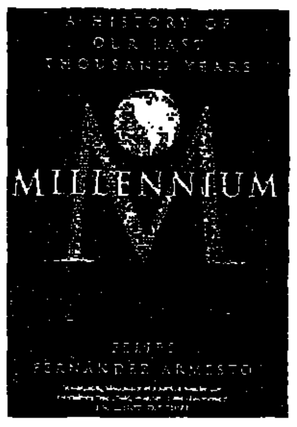
Questions still unanswered: Lee Harvey Oswald (1963)

■ *OSWALD'S TALE*
By Norman Mailer
Abacus, £12.99
ISBN 0 349 10781 9

WHAT WAS Lee Harvey Oswald really like? Among all the conspiracy theories around Kennedy's death, scant attention has been paid to the personality of the man accused of firing those high-velocity bullets. Alleged by some to have been part of the CIA, FBI, Mob, KGB, Cuban Intelligence or any other agency you care to mention, there is no conclusive evidence that Lee Harvey Oswald was anything but, in Mailer's phrase, "an over-ambitious yet henpecked husband, with an unbalanced psyche, a vein of brutality towards his wife, and that was the sad sum of him." Mailer has compiled a work that is by any standards extraordinary for its tenacity, empathy and imagination. It follows Oswald through the US Marines, his expatriate years under KGB surveillance in Russia, his marriage to Marina in Minsk, his return to America and the confused events leading to his fatal appointment with history on November 22, 1963. The research of this documentary novel is daunting, using interviews with Oswald's family, reports from the KGB, the Warren report and Lee's own letters to create a portrait of an ambitious and deceitful man. Finally Oswald remains an enigma but that's the way Mailer likes him. Much more than a novel, an epic and penetrating investigation.



■ MILLENNIUM
A History of Our Last Thousand Years
By Felipe Fernandez-Armesto
Black Swan £14.99
ISBN 0 552 99482 0

THOUGH sometimes gnomic and often prolix, this is an astonishing book. The author's learning is enormous and his scope immense. He looks not only back, but forwards, and enlivens both with a perspective that refuses to be centred on the West. The result is not only huge history but a cornucopia of the curious. We have kings and queens, but also King Kong: Karl Marx, but also Groucho Marx, and human behaviour as observed amongst the Wolof of the Senegambia. How are we to understand a world in which accountants in Surbiton cook in woks and sleep on futons? Begin with this book.

■ PRIMARY COLORS
By Anonymous
Vintage, £6.99
0 09 974361 2

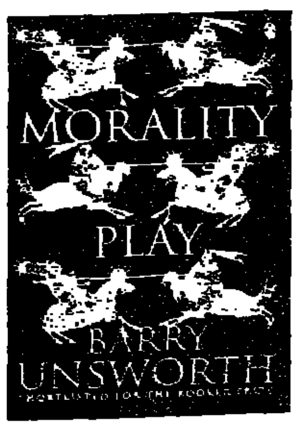
ANONYMOUS is such no more, having recently been outed as New York columnist Jo Klein. The literary trick that has made him at least $6 million the richer is over. But this does not mean that Klein's excellent and thinly disguised satire on Bill Clinton's 1992 Presidential campaign should no longer be read. Hilarious characters, witty jargon and a lively pace combine to give the reader a privileged insider's view of the campaign trail, as the crazed and sordid goings-on are witnessed through the eyes of the candidate's number two.

■ THE VILLAGE
By David Mamet
Faber £6.99
ISBN 0 571 17313 6

A POLICEMAN rescues a woman who suffers a beating at the hands of her husband. A store owner frets over looming bankruptcy. An old hunter exploits backwoods skills passed down through generations. Glueing these snapshots together, Mamet creates a picture of a New England village from a sum of its parts. This is his first novel and his style reveals a delicate touch as he captures the fractured vernacular and implicit understanding of a rural community with intimate and warm precision.

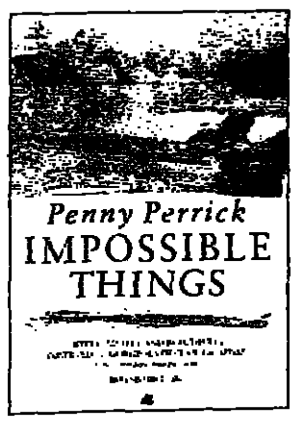
■ THE MISSING **By Andrew O'Hagan**
Picador, £5.99 ISBN 0 330 34137 5

WORLDS beyond its lurid and demoralising press coverage, O'Hagan has transformed the disturbing subject of lost children, runaways and the vanished victims of serial sex murderers into an invitation to understand that there is a missing life story, and missing dreams, for every single one who disappears. From Fred West's Gloucester and the street shelters of London to working-class Glasgow and Ayrshire, where his own family story started, he bravely offers us both a social history and a very personal inquiry into human nature. A moving, sympathetic and regenerative book.



■ MORALITY PLAY
By Barry Unsworth
Penguin, £5.99
ISBN 0 14 107574 1

AN OUTCAST cleric breaches his faith and joins a band of travelling players in late 14th century England. Transgression thus sets the theme of Unsworth's skilfully wrought novel, which has at its heart a Morality Play based not on the Bible, but on a real-life murder. By tempting providence, however, the players discover that neither the murder nor the world they inhabit is as it seems, as their efforts to unmask the true nature of the murder inadvertently unleash a chain of events and meanings beyond their control. A stark, richly allusive novel pierced by darkness and revelation and penumbra of doubt.



■ IMPOSSIBLE THINGS
By Penny Perrick
Black Swan, £6.99
ISBN 0 552 99693 9

SOCIETY milliner Zanna Gringrich lights up post-war London. Others are dowdy. She is Dior. She embarks on a passionate love affair with a politician and through him she becomes deeply embroiled in the affairs of a decaying stately pile owned by her lover's misanthropic brother. This novel romps zestfully along. Zanna has sex with a stranger on the floor of Elizabeth Taylor's lavish suite in the New York Plaza Hotel. At first her business thrives, then sadly fades. She loses her lover, but finds him in the end. Does Penny Perrick expect us to believe all this? No, but like us she has enjoyed a scented passage.

Contributors: Fanny Blake, Ross Leckie, Tom Newton Dunn, Victoria Walker, Alison Burns.

Country songs on a squeeze-box

E. Annie Proulx traces the infancy of America through the travels of an accordion. **Elizabeth Buchan** is haunted by the music

IN Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, Nick Carraway, the narrator, reflects on the wonder of "the fresh, green breast of the new world" with which the first immigrants were presented. Less lyrical, but not a whit less eloquent, in her vigorous, salty and extraordinary novel Annie Proulx, whose *Shipping News* was a surprise bestseller, takes us into the beating heart of an infant nation: and a raw, dangerous, wild place it is too.

Furthermore, in employing a narrative device — tracing the passage over 100 years of an accordion brought by a Sicilian to "La Merica" in the 1870s — frequently found in popular novels, she achieves a marriage between the clever tricks of the former and the necessary esotericism of a writer intent on her vision and voice. This is not to suggest that she does not manipulate her material into shape. She does, shamelessly and with gusto, battering at it with her huge energy, her gift for immediacy and her toughness.

Its sound "hoarse and crying, reminding listeners of the brutalities of love, of various hungers", the accordion fetches up in New Orleans, out on the Midwest prairies where Germans have settled, in Cajun bayoux, downtown Chicago, in Texas and Mississippi. It is heard in homesteads, nightclubs, in the streets and in cellars and on it are played polkas and folksong, jazz, country dance and *complainte*.

■ ACCORDION CRIMES
By E. Annie Proulx
Fourth Estate, £16.99
ISBN 1 85702 508 3

Increasingly battered, its apparently haphazard progress from south to north to west is marked by a series of violent events and sudden death, by poverty, disappointment, illness and gruelling labour — the crimes of the title. Of course, this random element is artifice, for the author is drawing a map of a growing country and pinning down a moment of metamorphosis. "His name taken from him, the language lost, his religion changed, the past unknown, the person he had been . . . erased": this is the fate of the immigrant, a tragedy which is actively sought, for in the slaying of identity lies rebirth.

Tapping into the epic narrative tradition, which serves as a guardian and a vehicle for the collective memory, Proulx fuses history with the novel. Fictionalising the people whose lives were unknown, more important unimagined, she outwits the traditional dualism in American literature — the "grievance and daydream" of a South obsessed by the past slogging it out with the so-called morally and commercially energetic North — to create a crowded canvas which, in its thrust and its choice of character and in its grand mix of music, epic and incident, is truly democratic.

It requires nerve to keep the pen steady, particularly as she has discarded the safety net of focusing on one set of characters, but she pulls it off. The detail is breathtaking, her ear for dialogue matchless, her observation unsentimental, her pace infectious. She tackles death, sex and the gruesome with black hilarity and the skills of a born storyteller. Rich and dense, *Accordion Crimes* is a splendid novel.

A tailor tinkers in Greeneland

John le Carré's blackly comic novel visits Graham Greene's Caribbean stamping grounds, **Peter Millar** says

ONE thing in particular makes John le Carré different from every other writer of popular fiction: clutter. If Messrs Clancy, Forsyth, Archer *et al* people their two-dimensional worlds with cardboard cut-outs, only two pages into the average le Carré already we are bumping into objects, artefacts, anecdotes and cameo characters skulking in the wings, forcing us to give them house room in our imagination: remember the pilfering, cashiered prep-school master in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* or Herr Kaspar, the wig-wearing head concierge in *The Night Manager*. Men of no importance but so rounded in themselves that we have to squeeze past them to follow the plot.

Le Carré: truth and the consequences of deception

So already on page one of *The Tailor of Panama* lurks Arthur Braithwaite, former senior partner in the firm of Pendel and Braithwaite Co Limitada, "Tailors to Royalty", formerly of Savile Row and presently of the Via España, or just off it, a man who is to Harry Pendel the totem of everything he stands for: in short, a legend. For this is a book about legends and lies, about great loves and little betrayals, about the myth of truth and the consequences of deception. As such it is a work of rare brilliance.

■ THE TAILOR OF PANAMA
By John le Carré
Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99
ISBN 0 340 68478 X

Alone among espionage writers, le Carré has survived the end of the Cold War without detriment to his fiction, chiefly because he was never really writing about espionage at all. His characters lived because they, rather than what happened to them, were his true subject. The plot in this book, which in the end is almost incidental, is based on the premise that if Panama were to become America's Suez, a Tory government would never do to them what they did to us.

It is not a polemical book — the master would never stoop so low — but it is a political one. It is hard to imagine its author voting Conservative. It makes assumptions about casual corruption having become endemic in Britain, moulded only by clinical self-serving cynicism: the stereotypical vices of Central American societies revealed as ours rather than theirs.

With the 1999 deadline for America to hand over the Panama Canal fast approaching, the bright young hope of the secret service, Andy Osnard, an overweight old Etonian on the make, and Harry Pendel, pillar of expatriate respectability but with a disreputable past, conspire together and apart in a comedy of errors against a dark background. The inspiration, le Carré admits, was Graham Greene's comic novel *Our Man in Havana*, but the comedy here is black. The motto: tell the boss what he wants to hear, and every man for himself when the chips are down.

This is a leap for le Carré that almost takes him out of the genre altogether. But wisely not quite. When it comes to the crunch, helicopters of war hovering overhead are far too useful a device to abandon.

Down but not out: Chris Kitch eventually beat drug addiction and abuse to fight her way back from the streets

There but for the grace of God

FOR 20 years, Christine Kitch was a junkie: for most of it, a bag lady. You may have met her on Piccadilly, yelling, "Where are you going? Who are you behind your clothes and your briefcase?" and similar unsettling challenges Londoners get from the free-range deranged.

Today she is a postgraduate student, writer, lecturer and television pundit. This is her story, sparely told, of the long road down and the hard slog up. Born illegitimate in Bradford, she was sexually abused, taunted by boys, tormented by burgeoning lesbianism, told by blind old mother that, as a bastard, she was not welcome to her place in the family grave.

On the other hand, she read voraciously at grammar school and got a sense of self-worth in the Girl Guides. Expelled, she embarked in rapid succession on a baby, a prison sentence, another baby, prostitution and more prison. Emerging, she had a third baby after a rape; having lost all three into care, she took to drugs, gay love affairs, a period in a schizophrenic ward, rape by a legless vagrant who took her for a boy, and yelling on Piccadilly. In one treatment centre she was even leant over by Princess Di.

■ *PAVEMENT FOR MY PILLOW*
By Chris Kitch
Orion, £16.99
ISBN 0 7528 0340 9

However you define rock bottom, this woman has been there.

So how did she get out? She is too honest to offer one solution: there were a series of treatment centres, the gentle affection of nuns, the death of her longtime lover and a pot-pourri of 1990s solutions, ranging from feminism to acupuncture and Clannad music. But I left the book convinced that Kitch returned to society because somewhere in her innermost core was an innate Yorkshire toughness and self-respect. Now her greatest joy is the respect of others. It is impossible to withold it.

LIBBY PURVES

Fanfare from a Commons man

A FIRST novel of style, wit and confidence from a writer pushing 50, previously known only for bedside anthologies of light-hearted trivia, must surely be accounted an event. When that writer is the Conservative MP for a marginal seat, the reader may glibly suspect him of seeking a new day-job — but is forced to conclude, in this instance, that politics' potential loss could be popular literature's gain.

Amid the fast-swelling ranks of politician-novelists, Gyles Brandreth has a lot more going for him than Edwina Currie, even Douglas Hurd, certainly Jeffrey Archer. Not merely, like all the best after-dinner speakers, does he know how to spin a yarn; unlike most politicians, he has a touching access to the secrets of the human heart.

■ WHO IS NICK SAINT?
By Gyles Brandreth
Little Brown, £14.99
ISBN 0 316 87979 7

Never one to funk a challenge, Brandreth chooses to make his fictional debut in the female first person, risking the votes of the blue-rinse brigade on the very first page by admiring a male nude emerging from a shower. The subsequent psycho-search for the true identity of Nick Saint — a paragon among men, apart from the fact that he believes himself to be Santa Claus — could never be called faint-hearted. After an epigraph from Goethe, Brandreth quotes liberally from Jung, Freud, Robert Frost, C. S. Lewis, William Morris and James Baldwin, *inter alia*.

Brandreth's tale is set in an America whose natives speak true-blue Anglo-Saxon — at times very blue — but whose urban landscape he evokes in some style, from New York's notorious Chelsea Hotel to a rackety school for drop-outs in the not-so-deep South, staffed by a beguiling rogues' gallery of variously broken eccentrics. Nor does his gentle foray into the realms of "magic realism" mince its long words, sending the reader to the Scrabble dictionary with such challenges as concinnity, pre-adamite, enculturation, echolalia, heteroclite and devisal.

If Nick Saint is "Peter Pan with the prowess of Tarzan and the wisdom of Solomon", Brandreth has also for years been a little boy who never grew up, but may finally have done so with this feelgood fantasia.

ANTHONY HOLDEN

When even Punch was funny

■ A GENTLEMAN PUBLISHER'S *COMMONPLACE BOOK*
By John G. Murray, edited by John R. Murray
Murray, £9.95
ISBN 0 7195 5623 6

JOHN G. — or "Jock" — Murray ran the publishing house of John Murray until his death in 1993. Whether he was more of a gentleman than other publishers can be left to them to decide. He was certainly an amusing and courteous man, as well as a great dandy. Moreover, the "gentleman" reference here is really a light-hearted allusion to a remark made long ago: "When *Childe Harold* was published, Byron woke up to find himself famous and his publisher, John Murray, woke up a gentleman." Murrays have been around a long time.

Jock was well-known for keeping a commonplace book. He would copy into it funny things he had read, and the circle of his authors who used to sit around with him in the famous offices in Albemarle Street would tell him things they had heard or send him pictures. John G. Murray, his son, has compiled this selection from it. The frontispiece is a drawing by Jock's great friend, Osbert Lancaster, showing a modern Byron kneeling by a girl, with the caption:

Maid of Athens, 'ere we
part,
Give, O give me back my
heart,
For altho' it's yours tonight
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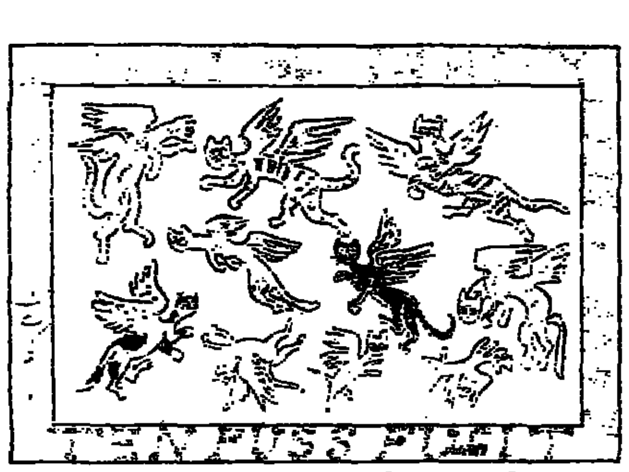
Pussies galore: Christmas card from John Craxton

That catches the tone of many of the entries. Playful whimsy is the prevailing note. Occasionally something sharper breaks through, such as Voltaire's remark when advised to renounce the devil on his deathbed, "Now is not the time to make enemies", or the anonymous comment on Enoch Powell: "One of the finest minds in Europe until he makes it up."

But more typical are quotes such as Lord Mancroft's "Arguing with a woman is like trying to fold the airmail edition of the *The Times* in a high wind" (there are quite a lot of teasing observations on women), or the "riddle from Anne Ridler" — "Q: What is the difference between a snowman and a snow woman? A: Snowballs."

Many of the items would make you laugh if they were said spontaneously in conversation, such as, "Please don't talk while I am interrupting", or if you spotted them yourself, such as the hotel notice, "Baths may be had (by arrangement) with the manageress only". Here they only raise a smile. But the book certainly gives the flavour of a not-long-passed milieu — one where they would still, you feel, have been passing the old *Punch* around.

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London: a chance to enjoy the storytelling (for all ages) and the literary activities which are taking place all day today as part of Children's Book Week

CHILDREN

■ LONDON

Children's Book Week
All-day literary activities and storytelling for children of all ages.
Voice Box, Festival Hall,
South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Today, phone for details: £2.50.

The Lazy Daisy Show
Circus acts, magic and audience participation. For three-year-olds and above.
Jackson's Lane Community Centre,
Archway Road, N6 (0181-341 4421). Today, 11am and 2pm: £3.

The Last Rainforest
The excellent Jactito Visual Theatre presents a series of rainforest adventures. For four-year-olds and above.
Tricycle Theatre,
Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Today, 11.30am and 2pm: £3, concs £2.

Pollo and the Star Fairies
Puppet fun with the innovative Nomad Puppet company.
Nomad Studios,
Upper Tooting Road, SW17 (0181-767 4005). Tomorrow, 11.30am and 2pm; £2.50.

Under My Sink
Peer under the sink and find out what lurks there in this puppet performance.
Polka Theatre for Children,
The Broadway, SW19 (0181-543 4888). Today, 12.30pm and 2.30pm; £4.

Zippo's Circus
New circus entertainment featuring some fine horse acts.
Peckham Rye Park,
Peckham Rye, SE15 (0374 811 811). Today, 2.30pm, 5pm and 7.30pm, tomorrow, 11am and 2.30pm; £3.50-£8.50.

■ REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM
The Warley National Model Railway Exhibition
Model railway show for family and general enthusiasts.
National Exhibition Centre,
(0121-780 4133). Today, 10am-7pm, tomorrow, 10am-5pm; £6, two-day ticket £9

HIGH WYCOMBE
The Witches
Roald Dahl's tale is adapted for the stage.
Wycombe Swan,
St Mary Street (01494 512000). Today, 11am, 2pm and 7pm; £7.50-£10.50.

NEWCASTLE
Children's Gallery
Collection of toys, games and art for the under-fives.
Laing Art Gallery,
Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 2-5pm; free.

CLASSICAL

■ LONDON

Holst Singers
Charity event featuring Eastern European and Russian sacred music.
Greek Orthodox Cathedral,
Moscow Road, W2 (0171-229 8168). Tonight, 7.30pm: £10.

James Lisney
Chopin works, including the *Funeral March* Sonata.
Purcell Room,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm; £10.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

JESSYE NORMAN
Jessye Norman does not often appear in Britain so the opportunity to hear the great American soprano will be eagerly seized, even with high ticket prices. Her voice is still a glorious instrument but is it always perfectly controlled? Is her diction all it should be? Critics will argue, but music-lovers will flock to hear a genuine world-class diva.
RICHARD MORRISON
Festival Hall,
South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 5pm; £8-£50.

Nash Ensemble
Works by Rossini, Ravel, Saint-Saëns and Tchaikovsky.
Wigmore Hall,
Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm; £6-£14.

New Queen's Hall Orchestra/Maguire
Mahler's Fourth Symphony and Elgar's Cello Concerto on period instruments.
Barbican,
Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £7-£20.

London: Jessye Norman

■ REGIONAL

BASINGSTOKE
London Mozart Players/Bamert
John Field's Fourth Piano Concerto and Mozart's Symphony No 39.
The Anvil,
Churchill Way (01256 844244). Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £8.50-£18.50.

HADDINGTON
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra/Brabbins
Benjamin Britten's *Les Illuminations* song cycle, and Mahler's Fourth Symphony.
St Mary's Parish Church,
(01620 823738). Tonight, 7.30pm; £10, concs £3.

ST ANDREWS
Scottish Chamber Orchestra/Swenson
Sally Beamish's new work.
Younger Hall, University of St Andrews,
North Street (01334 474610). Tonight, 7.45pm; £4.50-£13.

JAZZ

■ LONDON

Freddy Cole Trio
Nat King Cole's little brother sings and plays.
Café Royal,
Regent Street, W1 (0171-437 9090). Tonight, 8pm: £25.

Blossom Dearie
Squeaky-voiced, diminutive American chanteuse.
University College School Theatre,
Frognal, NW3 (0171-435 2215). Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £8.

Dennis Rollins's Dee Roe
Jazz, ska and funk trombonist leads this octet.
Jazz Café,
Parkway, NW1 (0171-344 0044). Tonight, 7pm; £9.

Georgie Fame, Dale Barlow
Soul-jazz organ legend, moving into mainstream.
Ronnie Scott's,
Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tonight, 9pm: £15.

Clyde Stubblefield
James Brown's iconic and much-sampled *Funky Drummer* continues his gigs and workshops.
12 Bar Club,
Denmark Street, WC2 (0171-916 6989). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm: £10.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

HARRY ALLEN AND MICHAEL HASHIM
Call them young fogies, if you wish, but American saxophonists Harry Allen and Michael Hashim make a compelling double-act. Allen, a mellow tenor player in the Ben Webster mould explores the ballad tradition on his new album, *Blue Skies*, while Hashim takes the vintage sound of Johnny Hodges and other swing giants and adds a dash of showmanship.
CLIVE DAVIS
Soho Jazz Festival,
Pizza Express, Dean Street, W1 (0171-439 8722) tonight, 9pm; £15.

Mike and Kate Westbrook, Ed Jones Quintet, Ascension
Soho Jazz Festival triple bill: bandleader, pianist and composer Mike Westbrook duets with torch-singer wife Kate, plus saxophonist Ed Jones and Steve Plews's freestyle orchestra.
Ronnie Scott's,
Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8.

■ REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM
Tim Garland Quartet
Barnstorming multi-reedist, with drummer Winston Clifford, guitarist Phil Robson and bassist Laurence Cottle.
The Custard Factory,
Gibbs Street (0121-604 7777). Tonight, 8pm; £5.

BRIGHTON
Martin Taylor's Spirit of Django
Gypsy jazz guitarist features saxist Dave O'Higgins and accordionist Jack Emblow.
Sallis Benney Theatre,
University of Brighton, Grand Parade (01273 709709). Tomorrow, 8pm; £9.

NEWCASTLE
Helen Watson
Folk and blues-edged diva.
Live Theatre,
Broad Chare, Quayside (0191-232 1232). Tonight, 8pm; £5-£6.

ST ALBANS
Ray Gaskins
Soul-jazz saxophonist.
Red Note at Maltings Arts Centre,
The Maltings (01727 44222). Tonight, 8.30pm; £7.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY
Ray Gelato and Alex Garnett's Tough Tenors
Beefy tenor pairing with pianist Richard Busiakiewicz.
Fairway Suite,
Old Herns Lane (01438 717997). Tomorrow, 8pm: £5, mems £4.

OPERA

London: Rosa Mannion

■ LONDON

Don Giovanni
Sir Georg Solti conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert performance of Mozart.
Festival Hall,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7pm; £7-£40.

La Traviata
New English National Opera production, with Rosa Mannion as Violetta, directed by Jonathan Miller.
London Coliseum,
St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 6.30pm; £6.50-£55.

Die Walküre
Richard Jones's production, featuring John Tomlinson as Wotan.
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Today, 4pm; £7-£147.50.

■ REGIONAL

LEEDS
Iphigenia in Aulis
An English sung version of Gluck's opera in a new production.
Grand Theatre,
New Briggate (0113-245 9351). Tonight, 7.15pm; £7.50-£38.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THE DOCTOR OF MYDDFAI
Peter Maxwell Davies's new opera was commissioned by the Welsh National, successfully premiered in the summer and now joins the company's autumn repertory. Dealing in part with a mysterious disease and a heartless European bureaucracy, it shows that the corrupting nature of power never goes away. There is plenty for the WNO Chorus to do, starring roles for Paul Whelan as the Doctor and Gwynne Howell as the Euro-Ruler, and the opera is short, sharp and crisply directed by its librettist, David Pountney. Richard Armstrong is the conductor.
RODNEY MILNES
New Theatre,
Park Place, Cardiff (01222 878889). Today, 7.15pm; £8-£45.

DANCE

■ LONDON

Adventures in Motion Pictures: Swan Lake
Olivier Award-winning production of Tchaikovsky's ballet choreographed by Matthew Bourne and featuring the acclaimed all-male corps of swans.
Piccadilly Theatre,
Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734). Today, 2.30pm (Kemp/Wright/Mortimer) and 7.30pm (Cooper/Ambler/Chadwick); £9.50-£30.

Circles in Time
Jak Ahluwalia choreographs this innovative work with jazz music from Julian Nicholas.
Jackson's Lane Community Centre,
Archway Road, N6 (0181-341 4421). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY
Earlier this year Richard Alston choreographed to Harrison Birtwistle. Now, as part of the Dance Umbrella festival, his Dance Company presents the world premiere of his *Okho*, a piece for five male dancers set to Iannis Xenakis's score for djembes — large African drums played live on stage. The rest of the programme features Darshan Singh Bhuller in *Orpheus Singing and Dreaming* to Birtwistle's score.
DEBRA CRAINE
Queen Elizabeth Hall,
South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm; £10-£14, concs £6-£12.

■ REGIONAL

BELFAST
Anthea Williams: Double Chin and Tonic
Song-and-dance inspired by the 1930s and 1940s, helped by complimentary gin and tonics in the interval.
Old Museum Arts Centre,
College Square North (01232 235053). Tonight, 8pm; £6, concs £3.

CHELMSFORD
European Ballet: Carmen
Love, passion and murder choreographed by Stanislav Tchassov.
Civic Theatre,
Fairfield Road (01245 495028). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £11-£13, concs £8.50-£10.50.

DUNDEE
Scottish Dance Theatre on Tour
The work of four leading choreographers.
Dundee Repertory Theatre,
Tay Square (01382 223530). Tonight, 7.30pm; £6.75.

EDINBURGH
The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago: Billboards
Acclaimed performance set to music by Prince.
Festival Theatre,
Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, today mat, 2.30pm; £4.50-£19.50.

NOTTINGHAM
Northern Ballet Theatre: Dracula
Bram Stoker's classic story, choreographed by Christopher Gable and Michael Barrett-Pink and set to a score by Philip Feeney.
Theatre Royal,
Theatre Square (0115-948 2626). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; £7.50-£24.

SUNDERLAND
Birmingham Royal Ballet: Swan Lake
Peter Wright and Galina Samsova's production.
Empire Theatre,
High Street West (0191-514 2517). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; £10.

POP

■ LONDON

Fernest Arcenaux and the Thunders
Louisianan creole zydeco star on his first visit to Britain for 15 years.
100 Club,
Oxford Street, W1 (0171-636 0933). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £6.

Bjorn Again
Abba imitators with their own cult following.
Lewisham Theatre,
Rushey Green, SE8 (0181-690 0002). Tonight, 8pm; £10.50-£12.50.

David Devant and His Spirit Wife
Quirky pop eccentrics.
The Garage,
Highbury Corner, N5 (0171-607 1818). Tonight, 8pm; £5.

Vasmalom
Hungarian folk music.
Barbican Centre Foyer,
Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141). Tonight, 5.20pm; free.

Bristol: Galliano displays the acid jazz funk crew

■ REGIONAL

BRISTOL
Galliano
Acid jazz funk crew.
Anson Rooms, Bristol University,
Queens Road (0117-973 5035). Tonight, 7.30pm; £8.50.

CHATHAM
Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel
Seventies pop hero with new album, *Poetic Justice.*
Central Theatre,
High Street (01634 403868). Tonight, 7.30pm; phone for ticket prices.

GOSPORT
The Popes
Beery Celtic folk from Shane MacGowan's band.
RKL Club,
The Crossways (01705 349334). Tonight, 8pm; phone for prices.

INVERNESS
Wolfstone
Scottish folk-rockers.
Inverness Ice Centre,
Bught Park (01463 235711). Tonight, 7.30pm; phone for ticket prices.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

THE JON SPENCER BLUES EXPLOSION
Jon Spencer is a punk sex-god from New York with a dishevelled guitar sound and a mad-dog vocal style. He is joined in the aptly named Explosion by guitarist Judah Bauer and drummer Russell Simins. Together they play fast and loose with the blues lexicon, mangled into shape by bizarre influences from Jerry Lee Lewis to the Cramps. They are here to promote a new album, *Now I Got Worry*, scaling new heights of anarcho-rock'n'roll ecstasy.
DAVID SINCLAIR
Fleece & Firkin
St Thomas Street, Bristol (0117-927 7150). Tonight, 8pm; £7.
Astoria
Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (0171-434 0403). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8.

LEICESTER
The Bluetones, Geneva
Brit-pop guitar band, with support from Scottish newcomers Geneva.
De Montfort Hall,
Granville Road (0116-233 3111). Tonight, 7.30pm; £8.50.

NORWICH
Ocean Colour Scene
Sixties-style British R & B-influenced rockers adopted by Paul Weller.
University of East Anglia,
The Plain (01603 505401). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £10.

COMEDY

■ LONDON

Brick Lane Music Hall Extravaganza
Vincent Chair hosts the event.
Brick Lane Music Hall,
Brick Lane, E1 (0171-377 8787/9797). Tonight, 7.30pm; £20 with dinner.

Stand Up for the NHS
Star-studded comedy event including Jo Brand, John Moloney, Arthur Smith and Bill Bailey.
Wimbledon Theatre,
The Broadway, SW19 (0181-540 0362). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £12.50, concs £10.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE
In a series of Sunday night double bills, the Perrier Award transfers the best Edinburgh Festival comics to the West End. This weekend you can catch Dominic Holland, the ordinary bloke whose observational wit on the subject of DIY and the price of king prawns is charmingly lively. He is joined by the wolfy-looking, slightly wackier American stand-up Rich Hall who explains where all the jokes have gone with a world map and improvises a story incorporating the brand names of chocolate bars.
KATE BASSETT
Her Majesty's,
Haymarket, SW1 (0171-494 5413). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £5-£12.

Victoria Wood
Everyone's favourite.
Albert Hall,
Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm: £8.50-£23.50.

■ REGIONAL

ABERYSTWYTH
Jenny Eclair
The return of the Perrier winner and peroxide queen of the female-centric gag.
Aberystwyth Arts Centre,
Penglais Road (01970 623232). Tonight, 7.30pm; £10.

BIRMINGHAM
Jenny Eclair
See Aberystwyth.
Birmingham Rep,
Broad Street (0121-236 4455). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £10.

London: Arthur Smith stands up for the NHS

COLCHESTER
Scott Capurro
The outrageous American, one of last year's Perrier Award nominees, takes the mike.
Colchester Arts Centre,
St Mary-at-the-Walls, Church Street (01206 577301). Tonight, 8pm; £5, concs £4.

LEICESTER
Harry Hill
Saturday Night Live's star does stand-up.
De Montfort Hall,
Granville Road (0116-233 3111). Tomorrow, 8pm; £10.

LIVERPOOL
Rhona Cameron
Gaytime TV's Scottish presenter in her first solo show.
Neptune Theatre,
Hanover Street (0151-709 7844). Tonight, 8pm; £7, concs £5.

MANCHESTER
Lee Hurst
Television's sporting anti-hero dishes the gags.
Apollo Theatre,
Ardwick Green (0161-242 2560). Tomorrow, 8pm: £10, concs £8.

SWANSEA
Lee Hurst
See Manchester.
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street (01792 475715). Tonight, 8pm: £8.50-£10.

SWINDON
Bob Downe
Sing-along and toe-tap with the star who reinvented nylon slacks and hair lacquer.
Wyvern Theatre,
Theatre Square (01793 524481). Tonight, 7.30pm: £10.

YORK
Bob Downe
See Swindon.
Grand Opera House,
Cumberland Street (01904 671818). Oct 6, 8pm; £8.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

EVELYN DE MORGAN

Evelyn De Morgan died in 1916, but lived long enough to see her late Pre-Raphaelite style of visionary art go out of fashion. Recently her work has turned up in a number of exhibitions, such as *The Last Romantics* at the Barbican in 1989. She was born in 1855, studied at the Slade, and married the potter and decorative artist William De Morgan. The De Morgans became involved with spiritualism and psychic communication, and much of her art reflects this and was strongly influenced by Burne-Jones. The two exhibitions, of the drawings and the paintings, show she was a brilliant draughtsman, an exquisite colourist, and had a personal vision which survives the vicissitudes of fashion.

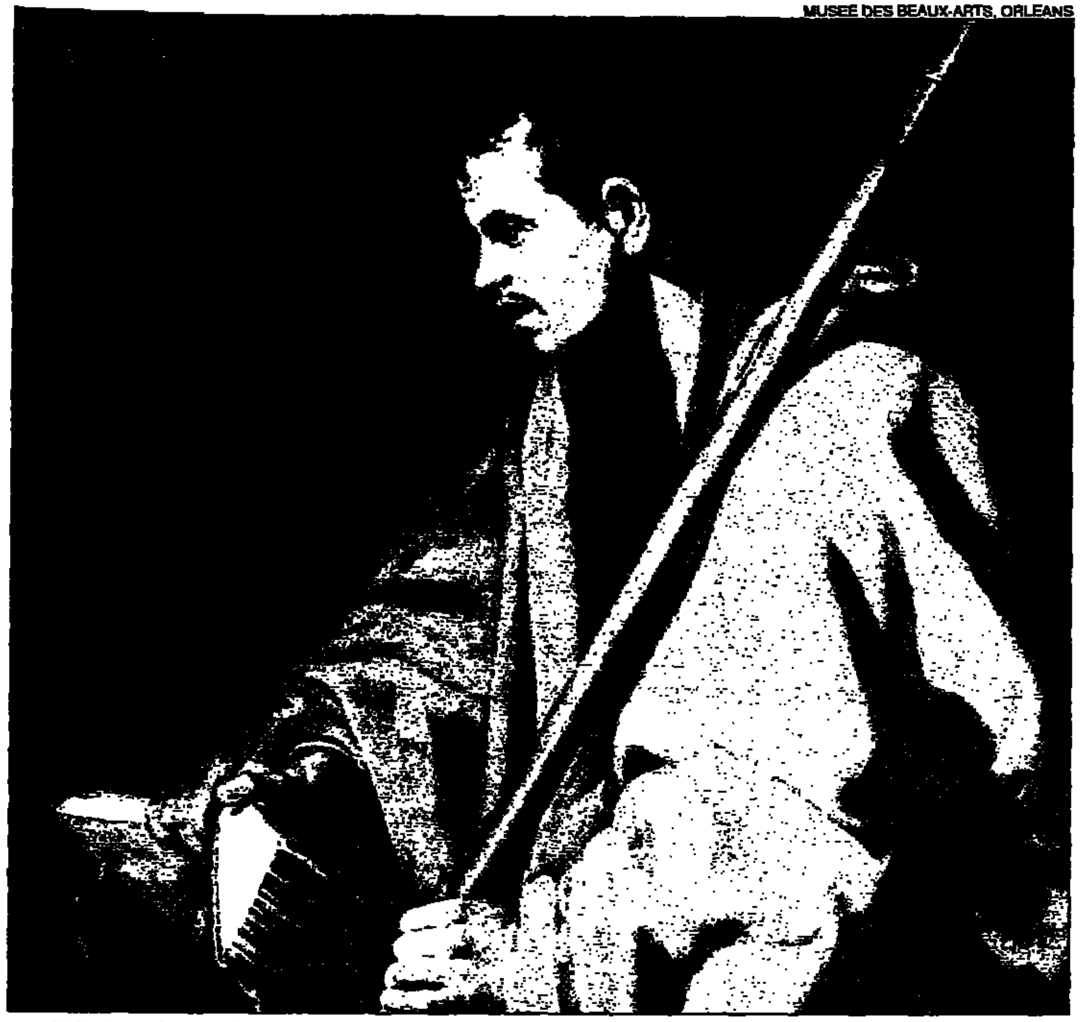
JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum
East Cliff, Bournemouth (01202 471800). Today and tomorrow, 10am-5pm: free.

■ **LONDON**

Blumenfeld: A Fetish for Beauty
Retrospective of the photographer's classic fashion, portraiture and nude images.
Barbican Art Gallery,
Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141). Today, 10am-6.45pm, tomorrow, midday-6.45pm; £4.50 (includes entry to Jam).

Antony Gormley: Field for the British Isles
Installation comprising 40,000 individually crafted terracotta figures in a room.
Hayward Gallery,
Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £3.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Edinburgh: *St Thomas* by Diego Velázquez, on display at the National Gallery of Scotland

Jam
Multi-media exhibition exploring culture and music.
Barbican Art Gallery,
Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141). Today, 10am-6.45pm, tomorrow, midday-6.45pm; £4.50.

BP Portrait Award
Annual open submission portrait show.
National Portrait Gallery,
St Martin's Place, WC2 (0171-306 0055). Today, 10am-6pm, tomorrow, midday-6pm; free.

■ **REGIONAL**

BIRMINGHAM
Eve Arnold: In Retrospect
Four decades of the acclaimed Magnum photojournalist's life and work.
Ikon Gallery,
John Bright Street (0121-643 0708). Today, 11am-6pm; free.

COVENTRY
The Director's Eye
European film-makers, their drawings and photographs.
Mead Gallery, Arts Centre, University of Warwick,
(01203 523523 ext 2590). Today, 10am-8pm; free.

DURHAM
Bill Viola
Site-specific installation from the master of the video spectacle.
Durham Cathedral,
Palace Green (0191-384 3720/386 4266). Today, tomorrow, phone for times; free.

EDINBURGH
Velázquez in Seville
Series of paintings from Velázquez's formative years.
National Gallery of Scotland,
The Mound (0131-556 8921). Today, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm; £4, concs £2.50.

HULL
David Mach
New installation made from newspapers.
Ferens Art Gallery,
Queen Victoria Square (01482 610610). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 1.30-4.30pm; free.

MIDDLESBROUGH
Marina Abramovic
New site-specific work from the acclaimed artist.
Middlesbrough Art Gallery,
Linthorpe Road (01642 247445). Today, 10am-6pm; free.

OXFORD
Ruskin and Oxford
Appraisal of the artist and art critic's work.
Ashmolean Museum,
Beaumont Street (01865 278000). Today, 10am-4pm, tomorrow, 2-4pm; free.

COMING SOON

■ **LONDON**

From Oct 16
In the Company of Men
The RSC launches its London season in the Barbican Pit with the British premiere of Edward Bond's contemporary drama. Box office: 0171-638 8891.

Dec 17-Jan 4
The Kirov Ballet
The company presents *The Nutcracker* for a season at the London Coliseum. Box office: 0171-632 8300.

Jan 9-30
Snowshow
The Russian clown Slava Polunin brings his Edinburgh Fringe hit to London's Peacock Theatre (formerly the Royalty). Prior to London it will tour to Dublin, High Wycombe, Halifax, Barnstaple, Oxford, Liverpool, Belfast, Dartford and Crawley. London box office: 0171-314 8800.

■ **REGIONAL**

BIRMINGHAM
Oct 8-9
Les Danaides
Silviu Purcarete's epic production of Aeschylus's tragedy plays two performances only at the National Indoor Arena. Box office: 0121-236 4455.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
From Nov 21
Much Ado About Nothing
The RSC launches its Stratford season with a new production, starring Alex Jennings as Benedick, Siobhan Redmond as Beatrice. Box office: 01789 295623.

On tour: Slava Polunin, the clown, will present *Snowshow*

TOURING
Oct 12-19
David Murray USA/UK Big Band
The tenor saxophonist tours to Liverpool (Bluecoat Arts Centre, Oct 12-13, 0151-709 5297), London (Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oct 14, 0171-960 4242), Brighton (Sallis Benney Theatre, Oct 15, 01273 709709), Exeter (St George's Hall, Oct 16, 01392 421111), Manchester (Nia Centre, Oct 17, 0161-227 9254), Southampton (Turner Sims Hall, 01703 595151) and Birmingham (Adrian Boult Hall, 0121-236 5622).

FAIRS

■ **LONDON**

Belly Dancing: Masterclass
Maria Louisa from Carlton TV flexes her muscles in the classroom.
Albany Theatre,
Douglas Way, SE8 (0181-692 4446). Today, 3.15-5.45pm; £8, concs £5 (per class).

Heritage Antiques Fair
Jewellery, prints, paintings, ceramics and more on display.
London Hilton Hotel,
Park Lane, W1 (0171-493 8000). Tomorrow, 11am-5pm; £1, child free.

Horse of the Year Show
Horse play featuring the Cadre Noir of Saumur.
Wembley Arena,
Empire Way, HA9 (0181-900 1234). Today, tomorrow; *phone for details.*

■ **REGIONAL**

BEACONSFIELD
40th Wooburn Arts Festival
Concerts, exhibitions, theatre and children's events.
Wooburn Arts Festival Information,
Various venues (01628 524243). Today, tomorrow; phone for details.

GUILDFORD
29th Surrey Antiques Fair
Antiques and collectables.
Civic Hall,
(01483 422562). Today, ends tomorrow, 11am-7pm; £3-£4.

LIVERPOOL
Visionfest
Annual visual arts and design fair.
Merseyside Tourism and Conference Centre,
Atlantic Pavilion (0151-709 2444). Today, tomorrow; phone for details.

MANCHESTER
Manchester Festival
Comedy, music, club culture and digital art.
Manchester Festival Information,
Various venues (0161-236 7592). Today, ends tomorrow; phone for details.

NORTHAMPTON
Doll Fair
Doll mania with toys and *miniatures for sale.*
Lamport Hall,
(01604 686272). Tomorrow, 10.30am-4.30pm; £2.50, concs £1.20, child free.

London: Cadre Noir at the Horse of the Year Show

STROUD
50th Stroud and District Arts Festival
A wealth of arts activities covering theatre and music.
Stroud and District Arts Festival Information, Various venues (01453 765768).
Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

SULGRAVE
Melford Hys Companie
Tudor travelling players.
Sulgrave Manor,
Manor Road (01295 760205). Today, ends tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm; £4, child £2, family £11.

SWANSEA
Swansea Celtic Festival
Traditional crafts, folk and sports events.
Various venues
(01792 636960). From tomorrow; phone for details.

WINDSOR
Windsor Festival
The music fest ends today.
Windsor Festival Information,
Various venues (01753 623400). Times vary; phone for details.

FILM

Films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

■ **NEW RELEASES**

◆ **COURAGE UNDER FIRE** (15)
Denzel Washington searches for truth in the Gulf War. *Half-way intelligent* drama, with Meg Ryan.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) *Swiss Cottage* (01426 914098) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *UCI Whiteleys* Ⓢ (0990 888990) *Virgin Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636)

LETTERS FROM THE EAST
Inert drama about an Estonian-born woman searching for her mother. Director, Andrew Grieve.
NFT (0171-928 3232) Ⓢ

◆ **THE NUTTY PROFESSOR** (12)
Lively if vulgar reworking of the old *Jerry Lewis* film, with Eddie Murphy as the misfit professor. Director, Tom Shadyac.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) *Empire* Ⓢ (0990 888 990) Ⓢ *MGM Baker Street* (0171-935 9772) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *UCI Whiteleys* Ⓢ (0990 888990) *Virgins: Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636) *Trocadero* Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

TOUCH OF EVIL (12)
Revival of Orson Welles's flamboyant thriller from 1958 about murky happenings *on the Mexican border*. With Charlton Heston, Welles himself, Janet Leigh and Marlene Dietrich.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

JUDE (15)
Neither Hardy's novel nor the film's director, Michael Winterbottom, are cut out for making pretty pictures, and this is a tale about dashed hopes and illicit love. But visually much is remarkable: Christopher Eccleston acts in earnest, and Kate Winslet gives a mesmerising performance as Sue, the stonecutter's vivacious cousin, turned wan by the kicks of fate.

GEOFF BROWN

***ABC Tottenham Court Road* (0171-636 6148) *Barbican Cinema* (0171-638 8891) *Gate Notting Hill* (0171-727 4043) *Odeon Haymarket* (01426-915 353) *Odeon Kensington* (01426-914 666) *Odeon Swiss Cottage* (0171-586 3057)**

New release: Christopher Eccleston stars in *Jude*

***Screen on Baker Street* (0171-935 2772) *Screen on the Green* (0171-226 3520) *UCI Whiteleys* (0171-792 3332) *Virgin Chelsea* (0171-352 5096) *Warner West End* (0171-437 4343)**

■ **CURRENT**

BLOOD SIMPLE (18)
Welcome revival of the Coen brothers' debut feature, made in 1983: a film noir homage made with cold-blooded verve. With John Getz and Francis McDormand.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) *Watermans* (0181-568 1176)

FARGO (18)
A kidnapping goes haywire in the Midwest. Wonderful, humane crime thriller from Joel and Ethan Coen, with Frances McDormand and William H. Macy.
ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631) *Plaza* Ⓢ (0990 888990)

◆ **JANE EYRE** (PG)
Decent but bloodless adaptation of the novel, with *Charlotte Gainsbourg and* William Hurt. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) *Notting Hill Coronet* Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) *Richmond* (0181-332 0030) *Ritzy* (0171-737 2121) *Screen/Hill* Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) *Virgins: Fulham Road* (0171-370 2636) *Haymarket* (0171-839 1527) *Warner West End* (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15)
Enjoyable Bertolucci about *an American teenager's* sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) *Metro* (0171-437 0757) *Odeon Kensington* (01426 914666) *Virgin Chelsea* (0171-352 5096)

THEATRE

■ **LONDON**

Laughter on the 23rd Floor
Neil Simon's very funny *account of working among a* team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s, fighting against time and philistine producers. Gene Wilder plays Sid. Directed by Roger Haines, responsible for last year's *Manchester production.*
Queen's,
Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Tonight, 8pm; mat, 4pm.

Uncle Vanya
Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs, and Richard Johnson in place of Alec McCowen.
Albery,
St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED
J. B. Priestley often attacked arrogance and complacency — viz, *An Inspector Calls* — but never so humorously or robustly as in his tale of the three respectable couples who belatedly find out they were never properly hitched. The pick of the performances *comes from Dawn French*, whose bullying wife remains magnificently menacing, whether she is prowling the stage like a killer-rhino or advancing on her husband like a blend of Texas gunslinger and sumo wrestler: *but keep an eye out for portly* Leo McKern as the photographer. You will not see the solemnity of the exceedingly drunk better played.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Savoy,
Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
Diana Rigg and David Suchet star Albee's most famous play.
Almeida,
Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

■ **REGIONAL**

CHELTENHAM
Animal Farm
Northern Stage brings George Orwell's farmyard fable vividly to life in a bold physical theatre piece. Frank McConnell's muscular choreography is complemented by a thumping, terrifying soundtrack. Alan *Lyddiard directs* Ian Wooldridge's adaptation. Unsuitable for ages 12 and under.
Everyman,
Regent Street (01242 572573). Tonight, 8pm.

SHEFFIELD
Hay Fever
Jane How, Maria Charles, Peter McEnery head Deborah Paige's production of Coward's evergreen comedy on how to drive house guests off the premises.
Crucible,
Norfolk Street (0114-276 9922). Tonight, 7.30pm.

DON'T MISS

■ The Warley National Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham: something for everyone. See Children
■ A rare chance to hear the great American soprano, Jessye Norman perform in Britain. See Classical
■ Dawn French and Leo McKern in J B Priestley's *When We Are Married*. See Theatre

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Ruth Gledhill attends a consecration of new bishops at St Paul's Cathedral

Discreet and spiritual persons

AT occasions of pomp and circumstance in the Church of England, the gents outshine the ladies every time, and this service was no exception. With entire chapels, vestries and aisles set aside for a spectacular panoply of bishops and archbishops from as far afield as Uganda and Utrecht to "robe", we were given an impressive display of red, white and gold ecclesiastical finery from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, downwards. The congregation, which included the King of Uganda as well as other dignitaries from around the world, was there to witness the consecration of three bishops for the London diocese, men chosen as "honest and discreet spiritual persons".

Thousands turned out to see these "trusty and well beloved" new bishops given the sees of Stepney, Kensington and Fulham on the feast day of Lancelot Andrewes, 17th-century Bishop of Winchester. Andrewes, one of the translators of the Authorised Version of the Bible, was also a defender of the Oath of Allegiance, imposed after the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. Each of the new bishops swore this oath to the Queen in St Dunstan's Chapel before the service, and also took the "Oath of due obedience" to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In recent years the Church of England has been criticised for many things, one chief complaint being that its bishops are bland, boring and, worst of all, liberal in their beliefs. None of these charges could be levelled at the latest crop. Dr John Sentamu, a former High Court judge in Uganda, former vicar of Tulse Hill and now Bishop of Stepney, is arguably the most distinguished. A man of formidable intellect and talent, his south London church has achieved international recognition for its music and vitality. During the service we even sang a psalm, number 119, to music he had composed. Bishop number two, the Right Rev Michael Colclough, formerly an archdeacon at London House, the diocesan headquarters, is the most mysterious.

An urbane character, he commands respect. But religious affairs correspondents have the highest hopes of number three, the Right Rev John Broadhurst, former Rector of Wood Green, in north London, and also chairman of the traditionalist umbrella group, Forward in Faith, which led the opposition to women priests. Days before his consecration to the see of Fulham, Bishop Broadhurst called for the Pope to be acknowledged as head of the Church, above both Queen and archbishop. "All the dreams I had for the Church of England have gone, and it is quite terrible", was one of his many delightfully quotable remarks after the General Synod voted to ordain women in 1992.

Few there could forget the recent death of the Dean of St Paul's, Dr Eric Evans, who was due to retire soon and whose absence was a strange form of presence. The archbishop remembered him in his prayers, and prayed also that "each one of us will be encouraged to serve God in the power of the Holy Spirit". The archbishop asked us if it was our will that the bishops be ordained. Most said "yes". A lone voice cried out "no", a protest against the direction the church is taking in the wake of women's ordination. Dr Carey, perhaps unsettled, stammered slightly: "Will you ... will you uphold them in their ministry?" More loudly this time, we cried, "We will," and this time there was no protest.

St Paul's Cathedral, St Paul's Churchyard, EC4 (0171-236 4128).

AT YOUR SERVICE

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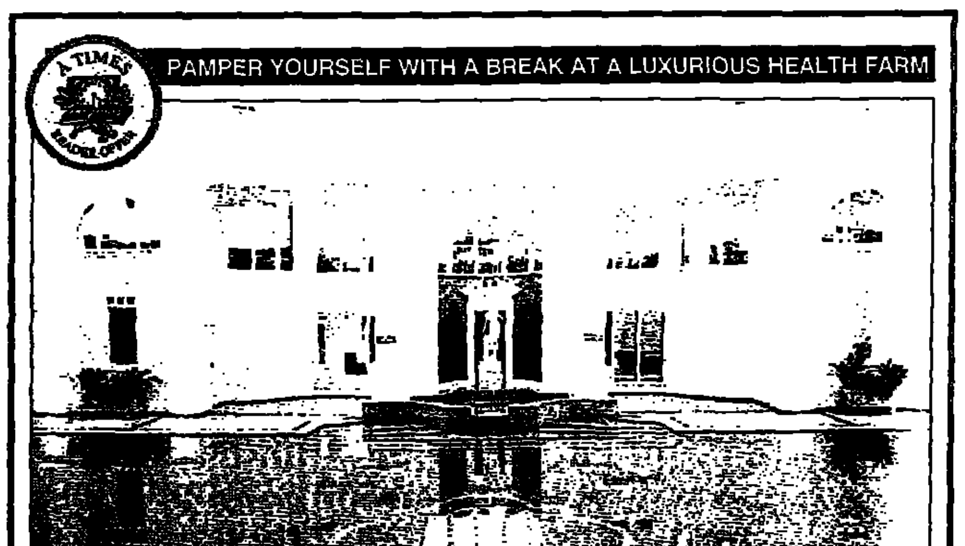
BISHOP OF LONDON: The Right Rev Richard Chartres
ARCHITECTURE: Discovery of Inigo Jones' portico beneath West Front of Wren's masterpiece announced outside during service. ★★★★★
SERMON: *Bishop Chartres warned that* Anglicans must not disappear "into the comfortable invisibility of some privatised, individualistic salvation cult". ★★★
LITURGY: An effective combination of ancient *and modern in the language* of the 1662 prayer book. ★★★★
MUSIC: Hymns and songs in Latin and English. Fantastic choir. ★★★★★
SPIRITUAL HIGH: Elevating. ★★★
AFTER-SERVICE CARE: *Café in the* refurbished crypt. ★★★



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Inside the ancient Thein Hau Taoist temple in Saigon

FACT FILE

- The next 14-night cruise on *Crystal Harmony* taking in Vietnam is from Bangkok to Hong Kong and costs from £3,055 per person. British passengers leave by air on October 27.
- Visas are needed for Vietnam and are available on board for US$35 (about £24).
- The next world cruise on *Crystal Symphony* departs from Los Angeles on January 17 for 103 days, with fly/cruise sections available from Britain. For example, you can join the ship in Bombay, leaving Britain on March 12, and cruise to Cape Town ("Golden Coast of Africa" sector) on a 27-night cruise from £7,395 per person.
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The New York lady rich enough to live in the same building as Henry Kissinger brandished an exquisitively carved marble statuette of a Vietnamese peasant carrying two paniers. "The man wanted three dollars but I got it for two. You can't go wrong with two dollars can you?" she asked. "Or can you?"

We were in the historic town of Hoi An, halfway along Vietnam's eastern coast, and if the American eye for a bargain is undimmed, the Vietnamese desire to embrace the market economy is feverish. Vietnam may be a socialist republic, but it offers the exhilarating spectacle of 70 million people pulling themselves up by their sandal straps.

We were passengers aboard *Crystal Symphony* on the "Mystic Passage" leg (Hong Kong, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore) part of her inaugural world cruise. Launched in April last year, she is claimed to one of the world's top four cruise ships.

Many of the passengers calling at Danang, where the first troops landed in the Vietnam war, were American, though most of them were too old to have served.

Here, the Vietnamese peasants we saw would have to work for two months to earn the $35 price of the bottle of 1991 Savigny les Beaune Louis Jadot which we had drunk at dinner the night before. But we received a rousing welcome, starting with a dawn cacophony of traditional Vietnamese music.

The people of Hoi An greeted us with pots of tea in the early 19th-century wooden shop houses, which are among the 844 historic buildings being gradually and sympathetically restored.

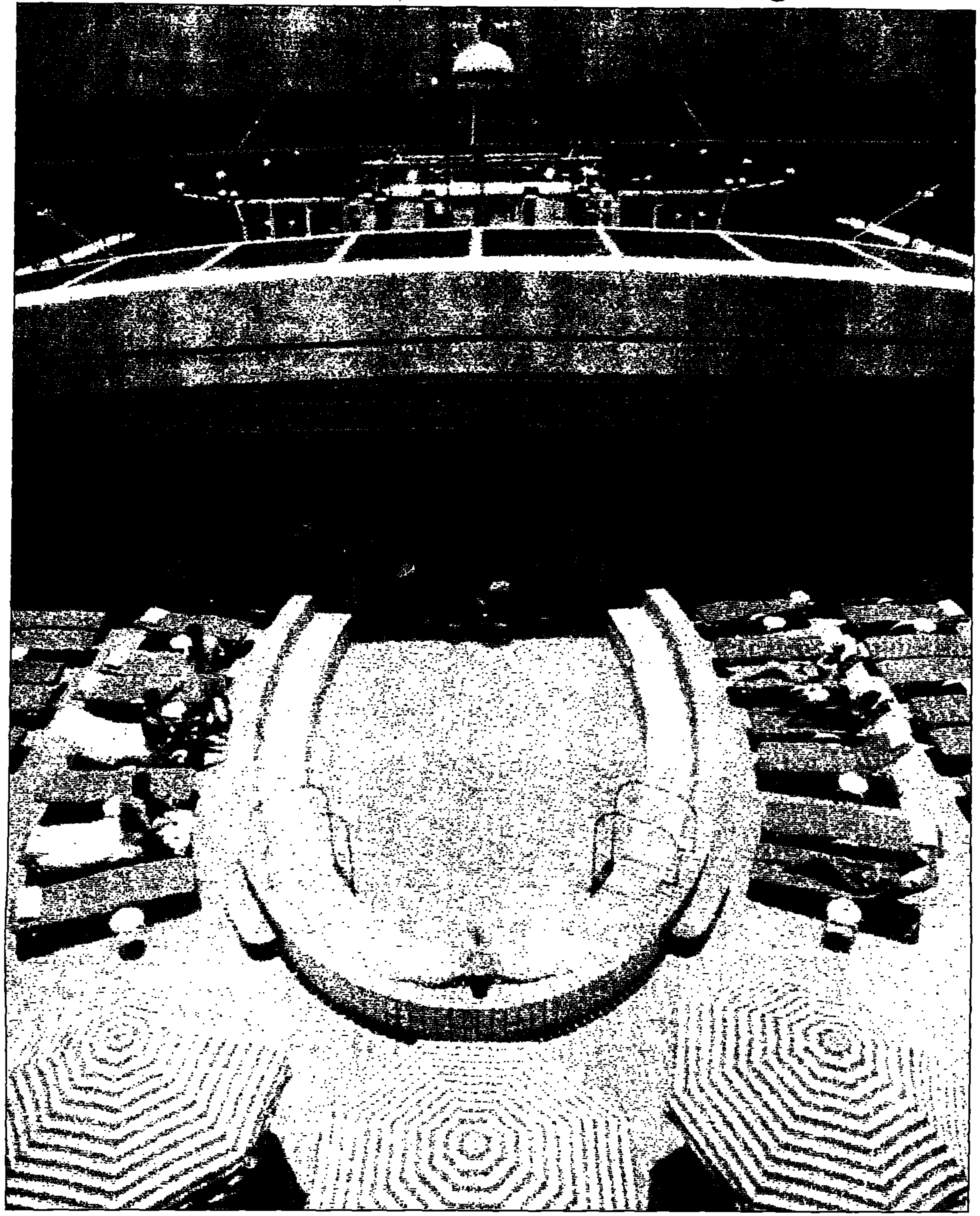
Nearby China Beach, with its miles of white sand and huge surf, is beautiful and as yet unspoiled. Now is the time to see it before work starts on a complex of resort hotels.

We had boarded *Crystal Symphony* at Hong Kong on one of its coldest days in living memory, with the temperature dropping to 8C. The ship's staterooms proved a restful blend of bleached wood and cream walls. More than half have verandas. The bathrooms are compact, but finished in tile and marble. There is a Persian carpet on the floor of the men's lavatory.

The focal point of the ship is a brilliantly lighted staircase which snakes through an atrium to the Crystal Plaza, past a spectacular glass optical illusion of a waterfall. There is a glass piano. On gala nights the whole area sparkles with hundreds of points of light, as the beautifully dressed women wear the diamonds and emeralds, which they rarely dare to take out of the bank vault at home, and diamond studs gleam from the men's dress shirts.

Ceasar's Palace, the huge casino operated by the Las Vegas promoters, introduces an endearing note of kitcsh, with busts of the emperors gravely staring above the winking fruit machines.

Throughout the ship, the emphasis is on unashamed sybaritity. The five courses on the European-based dinner menu would typically include caviar or oysters, Dover sole, beef wellington or lobster thermidor, and a huge variety of soups, salads and puddings. You could also eat Chinese or Italian in the intimate Jade or Prego restaurants.


Aboard the *Crystal Symphony*, most staterooms have a veranda, a Persian carpet graces the floor of the gent's and wine can cost two month's wages

For every one of the 960 passengers there were two crew. Guests could attend a lecture on health and beauty by Beverly Sassoon or a cookery demonstration by the exuberant Wolfgang Puck, creator of the Spago restaurant on Sunset Boulevard, helped by "*sous chef*" Arte Johnson, a star of the *Rowan and Martin Laugh-in*. Or you could shop for a linked 18-carat gold chain for the pooch you left behind.

Ho Chi Minh City, or Saigon as it is still widely called, is dominated by the moped. Whole streets are devoted to shops selling mudguards, horns, bells and handlebars. Tourists are not pestered. I declined a cyclo-cab ride but the driver insisted on placing his vehicle in front of the madcap mopeds to allow me to cross the road.

American passengers photographed each other in front of the American Embassy in Le Duan Boulevard, which still bears the stained concrete shield from which the last troops were airlifted after the 1975 Tet offensive. The city's most popular attraction, the War Crimes Museum, was deemed too gruesome to be included in our tour.

When we sailed into Bangkok, the public buildings were draped in black and white, with beautifully worked rosettes, to commorate the death of the popular Princess Mother. A huge pagoda-shaped funeral pyre had been erected opposite the royal palace and women in traditional black and white mourning clothes arrived to pay their respects.

The spread of modern Thailand continues furiously. A coach tour of the "countryside with less walking" took more than an hour before it left the built-up areas. The beach resort of Pattaya was, as our guide warned us, "Very busy, very dirty, very naughty. Lots of hanky-panky massage. Not real Thai massage".

Many fear that Vietnam's virginal China Beach near Hoi An will emulate Pattaya with its "Porn" hotels and "Boy" bars and polluted sea.

As we sailed into Singapore, our destination, the tour manager warned against expecting bargains. A Tiger beer in the Long Bar of the over-restored Raffles Hotel costs ten Singapore dollars (nearly £5); an indifferent coffee at a ferry terminal three dollars.

I left the cruise hoping that Vietnam will soon join the financial tigers of the Pacific Rim without following all their examples or compromising her unique charm.

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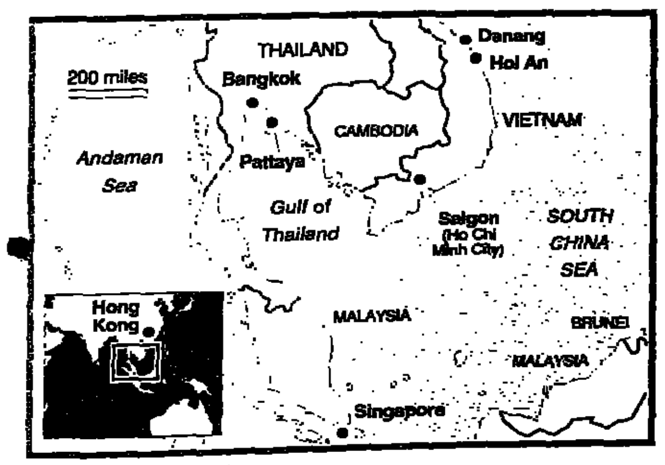

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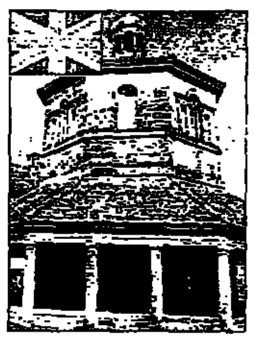
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Resorts get their skis on for winter

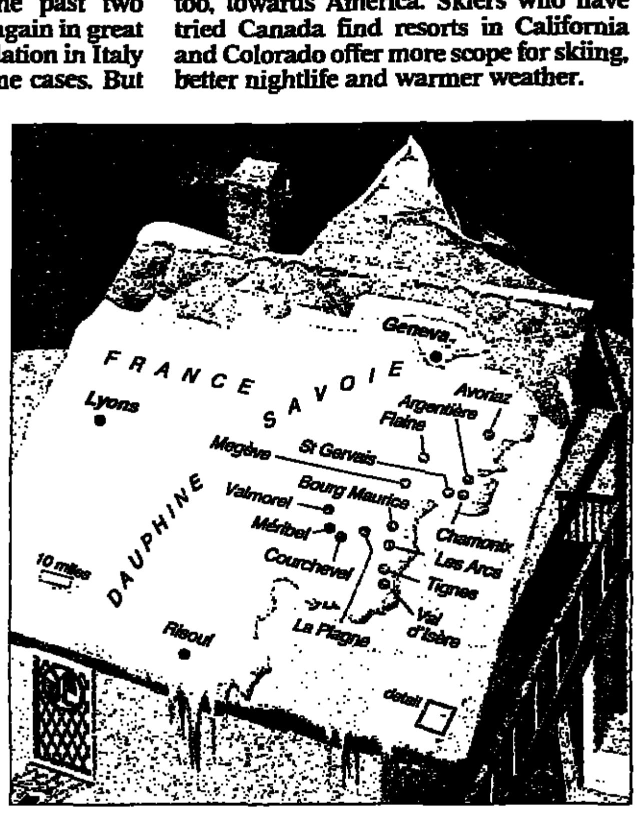
THE MESSAGE from tour operators is: "Do not wait for late-booking offers this winter." With brochures launched earlier than ever, tour operators say they are confident of selling 90 per cent of their holidays at full brochure prices.

After a disastrous snow year in 1995-96 across most of the Alps — Italy and southern France being the exceptions — skiing seems on the upswing, fuelled by burgeoning enthusiasm for snowboarding and by the new "miracle" carving skis, which promise to make every beginner an overnight expert.

Skiing holidays are currency driven, which explains the huge popularity of Italy and Canada over the past two seasons. Both countries are again in great demand, the best accommodation in Italy already fully booked in some cases. But this autumn, at the time many holidays are chosen, sterling has improved or held steady compared to each of the skiing currencies except the Italian lira, which has fallen about 6 per cent. And all 15 of Italy's top resorts have this winter raised their ski pass prices.

Bookings to Austria show few signs of growth, despite improvement in the exchange rate. But Switzerland, especially in Verbier and Zermatt, is making a comeback, now that sterling has climbed about 8 per cent against the Swiss franc, and only two out of the top 15 Swiss resorts have raised ski pass prices.

Travel agents report a growing trend, too, towards America. Skiers who have tried Canada find resorts in California and Colorado offer more scope for skiing, better nightlife and warmer weather.



Megève's sunny skiing in forested glades, complemented by an attractive, cobbled town centre and horse-drawn sleighs, are at a price to a clientele older and less obviously *nouveau riche* than found in Courchevel

The French ski the way they buy wine, by *pays*. It's unheard of to find a Frenchman skiing in Austria, for example. And French skiers remain as aloof to the lure of North American skiing — the hottest growth area for British skiers — as they do to the delights of British *bifteck*.

Even within France the French ski by *départment*. Parisians slot into Courchevel *arrondissement* by *arrondissement*. Last winter it was the most southerly resorts — particularly Isola 2000, within a snowball's toss of the Mediterranean, which had some of the best snow in the Alps. But few French skiers living north of Grenoble were moved to explore south of Les Deux Alpes.

British skiers are, by comparison, adventurers. There is no French resort, from the Pyrenees to the Jura, where British accents are unheard. Discounting the drinking resorts — Soll in Austria and Sauze d'Oulx in Italy — the snowfields of France continue to dominate the top of the popularity charts with every class of British skier.

With the advent of Le Shuttle and cut-price ferry crossings, even budget travellers can now do better in France than in Eastern Europe, especially if one considers quality of snow and savings on unlimited quantities of duty-free goods. Indeed, last winter a number of coaches from Poland and the Czech Republic appeared in Risoul and Valmorel.

Nobody actually counts independent travellers, and estimates range from 25 to 50 per cent of the overall ceiling of about 700,000 winter holidaymakers. But in every tour operator's top ten, French resorts vastly outnumber those from any other nation.

There are indications, however, this mass popularity may not endure forever. Britons have become habituated to France, through summer holidays and second homes. We are horrified by Swiss prices and still hesitant to cross the Atlantic for six days' skiing. But aside from familiarity, French skiing faces an uphill battle in the medium-term future.

French resorts are not the easiest to access. From Geneva or Zurich airports, with their railway stations built into the air terminals, many Swiss resorts are far quicker and more convenient to get to than the Tarentaise. Austrian pensions offer more commodious accommodation than French flats — the pokiest per square metre in the Alps — and any Austrian village is cosier than a French concrete complex.

Courchevel is unquestionably more expensive than Verbier or St Anton and arguably dearer than Aspen or Zermatt. Italy's ski lifts and snowmaking are more up to date overall than the French standard. Even the Swiss can be more welcoming than the French, with their patented sniffs, sneers and *"Je m'en fou"* shrugs, and the entire country is virtually a no-go area for adult skiers during February, when prices skyrocket and province after province of French schoolchildren are let loose on the pistes.

If there is one unarguable appeal of French skiing it is the intermediate interlinked skipass regions, skiing paradises for recreational connoisseurs of the immaculately groomed piste. Never mind that Italy's Dolomiti Superski and Austria's Top Tauern are hundreds of kilometres bigger than the Trois Vallées in France. Regardless of price or ultimate expanse of skiing terrain, the Trois Vallées and the Espace Killy are home to the greatest number of British chalet operators in the Alps. And Val d'Isère and Courchevel continue unrivalled in British tastings as the *grand cru* resorts of the Alps.

MONT BLANC MASSIF

Argentière, Megeve,
St Gervais, Chamonix

The Mont Blanc ski pass region (680km of pistes) is the largest in France, spanning the most adventurous off-piste terrain in the Alps (in Chamonix and Argentière) and boasting the most cultured, old-money cachet (in Megève).

Chamonix's status as a good-size working town as well as world-class resort allows the widest choice of affordable chalets, self-catering flats and student *dortoirs*. The world headquarters of ski mountaineering, Chamonix imbues the rankest beginner with a sense of ski cred. The museum is redolent of rotting ropes and photos from the days when mountain guides were no more than human mules hauling ladies in voluminous dresses and sedan chairs across crevasses.

What Chamonix is not is pretty, cute or cosy. Lift stations for the outlying, easy-skiing sectors of Flègere, Tour and Houches require personal transport, or more patience than can reasonably expected if the bus system, which shuts down at 7pm, is tried. Many tour operators consequently include a van, and even mountain guide, as a package option.

Argentière's Grands Montets cable cars raise skiing possibilities from legendary off-piste, runs such as the Pas de Chévre for which a guide is essential, to good, steep red and black pistes in a scenic wonderland of crevasses. The village is compact and congenial — off the main street, which must be one of the ugliest in the Alps.

Megève's cobbled centre and horse-drawn sleighs are complemented by sunny skiing in forested glades, attractive at a price to a clientele older and less obviously *nouveau riche* than that found in Courchevel.

St Gervais has the faded glamour of an old spa and the quaintness of a cog railway line to Chamonix via Les Houches, making for a relatively inexpensive and less intense alternative to Argentière or Chamonix.

TROIS VALLEES, ESPACE KILLY

Courchevel, Méribel,
Val d'Isère, Tignes

Inaccurately claiming to be the world's biggest skiing domain, the area ranks fifth after Italy's Dolomiti Superski, Austria's Top Tauern and the Portes du Soleil and Mont Blanc regions of France; the Trois Vallées certainly is the best connected. The Espace Killy, shared by Tignes and Val d'Isère, doesn't come close to making the top ten of the largest skipass regions in the Alps, but makes up in variety of terrain for any limits in expanse. Both skiing networks are remarkably efficient and free of queues.

All through the night Courchevel's snow-grooming machines growl and about 550 snow cannons spurt out the white stuff to make the rolling, wide and well-marked pistes which are the envy of the Alps. Courchevel flatters beginners and fatigues intermediates with both the ease and the expanse of its skiing. No French resort has more characterful chalets, or more luxurious hotels. Despite the high level of accommodation, at commensurate prices, and a glut of good restaurants, the village architecture inspires little admiration or affection. An advantage in Courchevel, however, is that many chalets are close to the slopes, and the streets are more filled with snow than traffic. The quintessential French resort, Courchevel admits that almost 30 per cent of its clientele is British.

Méribel, founded by a Briton, is the most central resort for skiing the Trois Vallées, and has the most chalets, as well as possibly the most British skiers per square metre of piste in the Alps. It is, unfortunately, not so inexpensive as it once was, but is still a refuge from chic-shock in Courchevel. Méribel Mottaret, a purpose built apartment block satellite, has better snow and lower prices than Méribel village itself, which though lively enough lacks any pretence at alpine charm and

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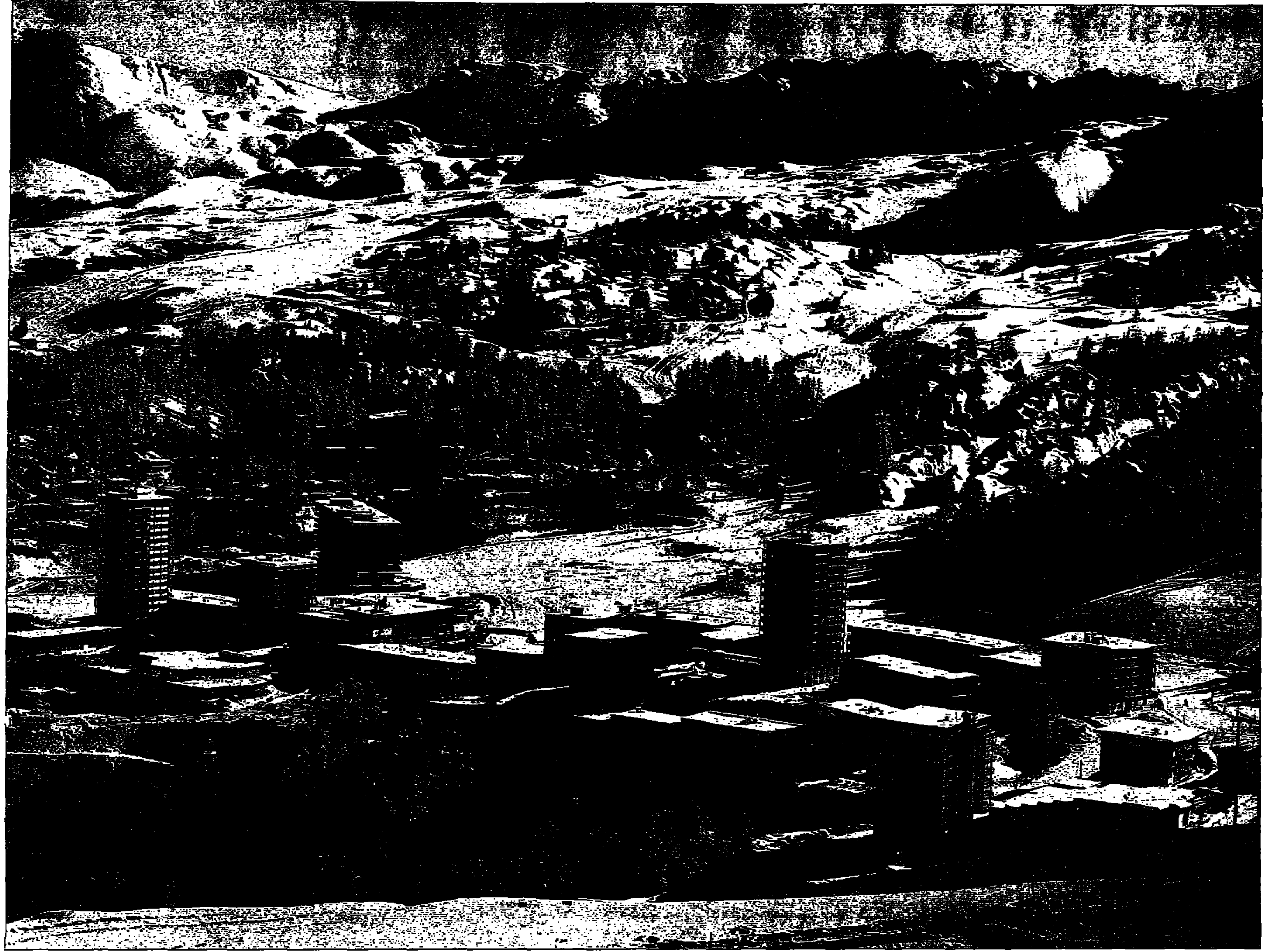

The huge range of skiing around La Plagne is matched by competitive pricing in what seems to be a surplus of self-catering accommodation. Good skiers can have a good holiday, with the emphasis on skiing

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features an irritating long and winding road.

Val d'Isère is *the* resort of choice for the bulk of Britain's best skiers, though for serious off piste it has to rank behind Chamonix and Verbier, and cult resorts such as La Grave and Alagna.

What expert skiers get in [illegible] d'Isère is excellent guiding services from independent operations, such as the Zimmer brothers' Top Ski, a byword among British off-piste enthusiasts, and plenty of untracked terrain, even if it does lack the couloirs and crevasses.

The pistes of Tignes and Val d'Isère are nothing like so well groomed as those of the Trois Vallées, and intermediates face some nasty passages in places. But well-advised beginners will not be intimidated either.

Tignes is considerably less attractive a village than Val d'Isère, which itself suffers from neon and metal fatigue all along the straggling main street. But Tignes is priced accordingly. Val d'Isère is not, though newer hamlet-style developments in rough local stone are both charming and well appointed inside.

PURPOSE-BUILT RESORTS

La Plagne, Les Arcs, Flaine

The French invented the concept of concrete in snow tower blocks at altitude in areas where no previous villages existed. These remain masterpieces of skiing convenience and price consciousness, at the cost of genuine village ambience.

Critics of the blocks say they are ugly and unnatural. Covering the concrete with wood helps. But the experience of living inside is inescapably analogous to life, or at least a week, in prison.

Popular with school groups, these resorts suffer queues and chaos during the French school holidays in February.

Les Arcs is typical of the purpose-built concept, with complexes at various altitudes, but, thanks to a quick ten-minute funicular connection, Arcs offers the unusual option of staying down in reasonably priced Bourg St Maurice, which doesn't seem to have a clue there's a major resort overhead.

The skiing features a vertical descent of about 2000m and is good enough for people to have been killed there, though in general skiing is wide open and uncrowded rather than threatening. In each sector at least one ski lift is free, meaning beginners or occasional skiers need never buy a skipass.

La Plagne spreads the architectural blot around 11 residential "stations", the lower complexes tending to be more nearly attractive.

The huge range of skiing is matched by very competitive pricing in what seems to be a surplus of self catering accommodation. As in Les Arcs, good skiers can have a good skiing holiday, with the emphasis on skiing.

Children have been known to burst into tears at the first sight of Flaine's excrescent architecture, but parents rejoice at the short transfer, the car-free central area so easy for shopping and the utter absence of hotshot, child-threatening expert skiers.

The Grand Massif ski-pass area is only 40 kilometres smaller than the Espace Killy, and friendlier to beginners and early intermediates, who will find ample scope for cruising.

FOR FAMILY VALUES

Risoul, Valmorel, Avoriaz

Finding a resort suitable for mixed abilities is difficult enough, without mixing the ages and, more often than not, trying to prove that three or four can ski as cheaply as two.

Risoul not only caters for children, but also for grandparents, who seem to find the large ski domain shared with Var easy and uncrowded. Indeed, some pistes have been graded to look more difficult than they are. An effort at French *animation* is made — fireworks displays and nighttime snowboard jumping events. But most families retire early to their self-catered flats, missing the floor show, "Jane and her Serpents" at the Safari Club.

Valmorel's nursery slopes are blocked off from passing skiers, who have a wide range of intermediate skiing to choose from in the ski-pass region. The Saperlipopette kindergarten is so popular that reservations are made a year in advance.

An effort to harmonise with nature by using stone and wood and by building small hamlets instead of massive tower blocks is largely successful, though ultimately this is a self catering, price conscious resort, and, significantly, was booked to the rafters all last season.

Avoriaz is the hub of Europe's fourth largest skipass region, the Portes du Soleil, part of 13 villages straddling the Swiss-French border.

Here, every effort is made to animate the tower blocks of Avoriaz, and with great success among young snowboarders especially. If it were another 1,000m higher, the Portes would eclipse the Trois Vallées in renown.

For the moment they are undervalued, both in price and popularity. And the vast scope of cross-frontier skiing, enlivened by indifferent signposting, makes for a ski safari-style adventure on groomed pistes which the whole family can share.

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CALLING HOME

THIS winter, France is dropping its 19 prefix for international calls made from inside the country in favour of the worldwide standard 00 code.

Travellers trying to reach French resorts and flat-letting agencies from Britain should note that additional numbers have been prefixed to each regional dialling code. For all skiing areas in the south-western sector, including the main resorts covered by tour operators, this prefix is 4.

FREE SKIING FOR THE CHILDREN

■ Bursting at the seams during the peak February weeks, French resorts, like all others in the Alps, suffer from lack of custom during the January "hole". This season, the French Government Tourist Office has announced a special promotion for 28 French resorts, among them Chamonix, Courchevel and Val d'Isère, offering a week's free accommodation, free equipment hire and free ski school instruction for children under 12.

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■ For further details, call 0891 244123.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 27

BARKING DEER

(c) The Indian muntjac. *Cervulus muntjac, found in India,* Burma and Tibet. So named from its call. A. Keith, Land Below Wind, 1939: "There is no meat as sweet as barking deer."

GONION

(a) The outermost point on the angle of the lower jaw on each side. From the Greek gōnia an angle. "Don't jut your gonions at me in that minatory way, Head Master." Pure bluff. We both know that you have *been caught red-handed in a shameful piece of staff room duplicity.*"

ALKAPTON

(c) A reducing substance which causes urine, left standing, to turn dark through oxidation. A composite word formed from al(kali) + *kápton, neuter present participle of káptein,* the Greek for to swallow greedily. "Alcaptonuria: a certain kind of human urine darkens on the addition of alkalis. Bödeker isolated from such urine a substance to which he gave the name alkapton."

DIETL'S CRISIS

(a) A violent stomach ache caused by renal colic. The medical eponym of Joseph Dietl (1804-1878) of Cracow. "The symptoms — sudden great abdominal pain, vomiting, distension of the belly, tenderness, *and signs of collapse* — were strongly suggestive of Dietl's crises."

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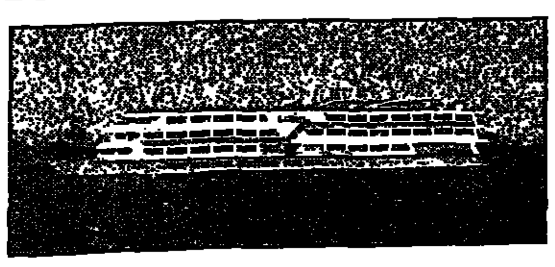

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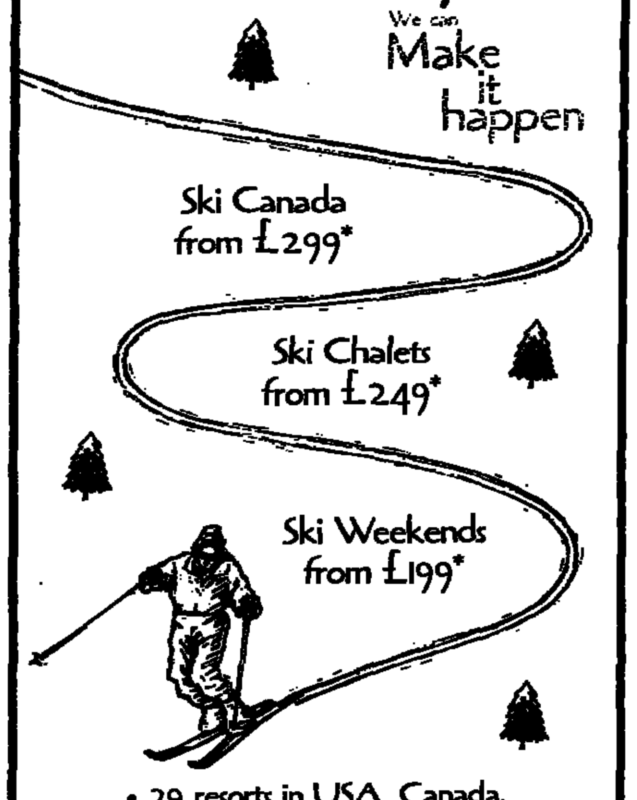

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Britain: The timeless charm of Tudor inns in Teesdale and lovely Barnard Castle, a medieval market town

The modest charm of Georgian Yarm

Nothing prepares you for Yarm. Trapped as it is in a loop of the Tees, you cannot approach it from the west; to the south is undulating farmland which gives no hint that it holds anything out of the ordinary: just over the river are the modern and characterless villages of Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe; and five miles away is the ugly sprawl of Teesside. But suddenly there is Yarm, Georgian and unpretentious, one of the most enchanting and perfectly preserved towns in England.

"If anything could destroy it," a friend said, "the traffic would." But it won't. A few years ago a bypass was constructed to rid the town of the 19,000 vehicles which poured down the High Street every day along the A19 from Stockton to York. It did nothing of the kind: it merely proved what the Government will not recognise — that the more roads you build, the more vehicles there will be to use them. Today there are just as many, and the wide, cobbled shoulders that line the carriageway are packed just as tightly with parked cars.

And there, suddenly, is the splendid High Street, with the Town Hall which was built in 1710 in the Dutch style brought over by William III, stranded in a sea of traffic. The street is Georgian — it was designated a conservation area in 1975 — but although there is a fine terrace of merchants' houses which would grace any town in England, together with a few other buildings of genuine distinction, you would hardly describe it as aristocratic. The greater part of it consists of unpretentious domestic buildings, mostly of three storeys, their pantiled roofs all at different levels.

When these houses were built, Yarm must have been a deep-drinking town, as well as an important coaching stop. There were then 16 inns and taverns in the High Street; eight of them are still there. One, the Ketton Ox, named after a shorthorn which was reared nearby and weighed 220 stone when it was slaughtered in 1801, is thought to be more than 400 years old, and was used for cock-fighting. A plaque on the wall of the George and Dragon Hotel stakes Yarm's claim to a place in history more firmly than anything else in the town. Here, it says, on February 12, 1820, was held the first meeting, under the chairmanship of Thomas Meynell, of a committee to establish the world's first railway. Only a year earlier the landed gentry, who were determined to protect their property, had blocked a Parliamentary Bill to build the line; now revised proposals went through almost on the nod. A new committee met in Darlington and appointed an almost uneducated engine-wright, who lived in a cottage at Killingworth, as engineer. His name was George Stephenson. Four years later the Stockton to Darlington line was opened, along which Stephenson's Locomotion No 1 pulled the earliest passenger carriages. Between 1799 and 1851 a 43-arch viaduct was built across the Tees; mercifully only two of them can be glimpsed beyond the end of the High Street.

But Yarm's history goes back many centuries beyond the railway. Long before the Domesday Book there was a community here, and in the early Middle Ages, when it was the only port on the Tees it had a thriving export trade in wheat and wool. It became even more prosperous in 1400 when Bishop Walter Skirlaw built a bridge over the Tees which was nearer to the sea than any other. Part of it still exists. By Elizabeth I's time the town's corn market made it a trading centre for a wide area.

Yarm's great days lasted only until the beginning of the 18th century, when the development of Stockton, which was nearer the sea, forced it into slow decline. Then, with the 20th century, came the traffic which Yarm can neither resist nor contain.

Yet the town looks brighter and more confident than it did when I saw it 20 years ago. Buildings have been freshly painted, in a way that brings out the homogenous character of these unplanned houses and shops. And, traffic or no traffic, the old town is safe.

DEREK SEVERN

● *Places to stay: Crathorne Hall Hotel, Crathorne, near Yarm, North Yorkshire (01642 700398) single room £104, double from £140. AA Hotel of the Year 1995.*

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Yarm's Town Hall was built in 1710 in the Dutch style

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ROS DRINKWATER

County Bridge at Barnard Castle was built in 1335. In the 17th century a tiny chapel on the bridge served as the setting for illegal marriages

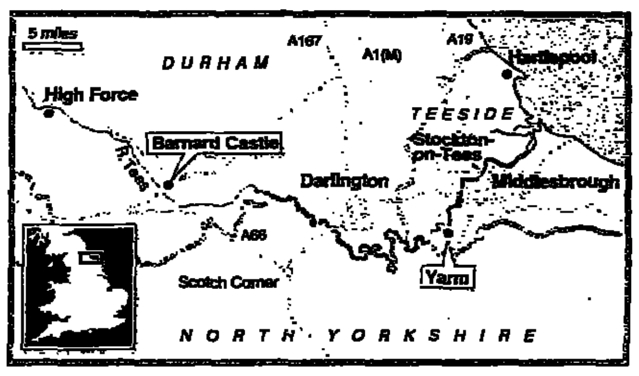
Up hill and down dale

The experience of Upper Teesdale's most awesome phenomenon left me completely exhausted. High Force is where the Tees swells to a raging inferno and plunges 70ft into a vast gorge over the tallest single-drop waterfall in England.

This is one of the loveliest of all Durham Dales, a polka-dot landscape, green valleys dotted with sheep, and a string of picturesque villages where cottages cluster around multiple village greens.

It was that difficult hour, too late for tea, too early for dinner. I had been on the road since dawn. I had tramped the North Pennine Moors, heard the cry of the curfew, wandered up hill and down dale, viewed High Force from below, and staggered my way up the sheer cliff for the view from the top — in other words, I had had quite enough nature.

Half an hour later I drove into Barnard Castle, everything you could wish for in a medieval market town. Old Barney, as it is affectionately known, grew around the Norman stronghold built by Bernard Balliol in 1125. Its history unfolds in a series of blue plaques all over town: The King's Head, in Horsemarket, was Dickens's base while he researched the evils of Victorian education.



His 1837 trip to Teesdale inspired *Nicholas Nickleby*, Mr Shaw's Academy at Bowes, providing a model for the infamous Dotheboys Hall: in Galgate two plaques commemorate Cyril Northcote Parkinson, discoverer of Parkinson's Law — "Work expands to fill the time available for its completion" — and Sir Roger Murchison, who had a town in New Zealand, falls on the Nile, a mountain range and a river in Australia, and a sound in Greenland named after him.

Along the Bank, the town's oldest street, weavers have been replaced by antique dealers, but two Tudor inns still dispense hospitality, the Old Well Inn, and Blagraves House, now a chic restaurant, where Cromwell was welcomed in 1648.

The octagonal Buttermarket is considered Northumbria's finest, but when built in 1742, in the normal reaction to "modern" architecture, it was decried as a blot on the landscape. Upstairs served as the town hall, court room, prison and fire station. John Wesley lived to regret giving a sermon there — they turned the fire hoses on him.

But it is the castle itself that lifts the town into the realms of romance, even though all that remain are fragments of ruins and ghosts of its tumultuous past. It towers high on a cliff overlooking the Tees, northern boundary of the Yorvik Viking Kingdom, northeastern boundary of the Domesday survey and until 1974 the boundary between Durham and Yorkshire.

The view down to the bridge might ring bells with Richard III who added the castle to his estates on his marriage to Lady Anne Nevill.

County Bridge was built in 1335 to replace the Roman ford linking the forts at Bowes and Binchester. It enjoyed 15 minutes of fame in 1660 when Cuthbert Hilton, a clerk, thought up a way of performing illegal marriages.

In those days people thought twice before incurring the wrath of the Bishop of Durham or the Archbishop of York. A tiny chapel was built at the centre of the bridge and at the appropriate moment the happy couple were instructed to leap in the air, thereby rendering them in neither county at the moment of matrimony.

Next morning I set off along Newgate, past the alley where a carving over a lintel reads *Remember Man is Mortal*, to Teesdale's most unexpected delight, a French Renaissance-style palace, The John and Josephine Bowes Museum. The Bowes were an unlikely pair, he a Teesdale businessman and MP, she a Parisienne actress and artist. Their plan was to build their treasure house for the public to enjoy in Calais but with French revolutionary fervour a little too hot for comfort, they chose Teesdale instead.

For 15 years they worked to fill their museum with the best art Europe could offer, paintings by El Greco, Goya, Canaletto, fine English and French furniture, porcelain, superb tapestries and oddities such as the silver swan automaton.

Sadly both Mr and Mrs Bowes died before the grand public opening. It remains their splendid memorial, and Teesdale's fine contribution [illegible], *Entente Cordiale*.

ROS DRINKWATER

DURHAM DALES FACT FILE

■ The Durham Dales, between the Yorkshire Dales and the Northumberland National Park, are easily reached via the A1 to Scotch Corner, then the A66 to Barnard Castle. Nearest rail connection is Darlington where hire cars are available. Prebooking essential.

■ Where to stay: Old Well Inn, 21 The Bank, Barnard Castle; traditional hospitality at this Tudor Inn, sloping floors and fine food; doubles frm £40 (01833 690130) Headlam Hall Hotel, Gainford; country house hotel in beautiful grounds; doubles from £70.00 (01325 730238). The Morritt Arms Hotel, Greta Bridge, Rokeby (A66). Close by Rokeby Park, Palladian mansion immortalised by Sir Walter Scott and with strong Dickensian connections; double B&B from £70.00 per night (01833 627232).
■ John & Josephine Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle (01833 690606). Raby Castle, Staindrop, ancient seat of the "kingmaker" Nevills and one of England's most impressive medieval castles, magnificently furnished in baronial style.

■ Egglestone Abbey, just outside Barnard Castle, 12th-century ruined abbey built for the Premonstratensian Order, on a romantic site overlooking the Tees.

■ Tourist Information Centre, Barnard Castle 43, Galgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham (01833 690909).

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JILL CRAWSHAW'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TIPS

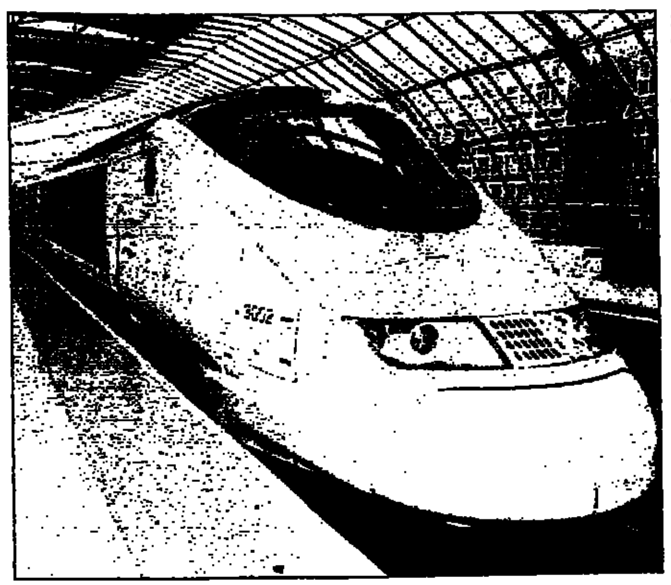
Choice island

SPAIN in general, and Majorca in particular remain by far the No 1 choice for British holidaymakers booking through travel agents according to a survey by Lunn Poly, the Thomson-owned agency. During summer 1996, in all but one British mainland region, Majorca was the favourite, the exception being Greater London, where the island came equal second with Turkey (7 per cent), one per cent behind the whole of France.

This year, long haul holidays account for 13 per cent of the total (10 per cent last year), with Florida claiming 38 per cent, the Caribbean 20 per cent, the Dominican Republic 8 per cent, Jamaica and Barbados 3 per cent each and the Bahamas 1 per cent.

The survey showed that half a pint of beer costs 45p in Turkey and £1.93 in France; cup of coffee is 28p in Portugal, £2.14 in Hong Kong; a 10 minute taxi ride is £1.51 in Cyprus and £8 in Austria, a bottle of wine costs 91p in Spain and £5.52 in Australia, while a meal for two with wine costs £11.27 in Turkey, £31.13 in Austria and £52.91 in Australia.

Holidays for this winter are following the well-established pattern: Spain is up 1 per cent with 47 per cent, next comes the United States with 11 per cent (10 per cent last winter), the Caribbean 7 per cent (5 per cent) with Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, India and Malta all around the 3 per cent to 4 per cent mark.



Eurostar offers winter trips to the Alps for £144 return

Alps by rail

EVERY Saturday from 21 December until 15 March, French Railways (0181-880 8162) offer a winter service on Eurostar to Lille, then by TGV to Bourg St Maurice and most intermediate stations in the Alps. In addition, an overnight train from Lille will run every Friday to Bourg St Maurice, St Gervais and Briancon. Both services cost £144 return, with a couchette on the overnight train.

Sea culture

THE cultural cruise operator Swan Hellenic (0171-800 2200) offers a great variety of specialist cruises that feature historic destinations around the world with guest lectures from eminent journalists, historians, archaeologists and biologists. The ship *Minerva* returns to the Red Sea in March 1997 for the Crucible of Civilisation cruise, which features Jordan and Egypt and offers an opportunity to scuba dive in the Red Sea. The cruise is accompanied by the marine biologist Dr David Irvine. Fares start from £1,630.

Cuba calls

CUBA, Alaska and the Yemen are the new additions to longhaul specialist Bales Tours' (01306 885 991) 42-country programme for 1997. Little visited by tourists, the university city of Santa Clara is included in their eight-day half-board Cuba tour (£899). The city was the site of the last battle in the Cuban Revolution and the troop train captured by Che Guevara from Batista is still there, as is a Che Guevara monument and museum. Havana, the old colonial world heritage site of Trinidad and a meal at yet another of Hemingway's favourite restaurants, the Floridita, are also on the itinerary. The 15-day Alaska and the Yukon Tour with visits to gold mining towns, national parks, a cruise to the Columbia glacier and a train journey on a Midnight Sun Express costs £3,365. Arabia Felix, the 12-day tour to the Yemen, costs £1,565.

Call home

THOMAS COOK has launched a rechargeable international phonecard, usable in 50 countries. The card, in £10 and £20 denominations, can be recharged over the telephone. Travellers are paying over the odds to phone home. One Madeira hotel charges a 776 per cent mark-up; the best deal was a 40 per cent mark up in Majorca. The new card is available from Cook's 550-plus UK shops and bureaux de change.

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All downhill

WEDDINGS can be arranged in the romantic Mountain Chapel on Mont Mansfield in Stowe, Vermont, New England, as an optional extra on skiing holidays with Made to Measure Holidays (01243 533333). The price of £200 includes the marriage licence, use of the chapel and the services of a judge-minister "who usually expects a tip". Staying in the honeymoon suite at the family-run Timberholm Inn with log fires costs from £1,750 B&B per couple, including flights to Montreal, about 90 minutes' drive away, and car hire.

The company also offers ski holidays in Switzerland (seven days B&B from £467 including flights). Alpbach in Austria (seven nights from £569) France and Canada.

The statue of Christ overlooking Rio de Janeiro. Journey Latin America offers a seven-night break in Rio for £781

Rio bound

JOURNEY Latin America (0181-747 3108) offer seven-night city breaks to Rio de Janeiro for £781, Santiago de Chile from £740, and Buenos Aires from £836, before December 1. Prices include flights from Heathrow, five nights' accommodation in a superior tourist class hotel, and a half-day city tour. Passengers may extend their stay up to 90 days.

Food school

VISITORS to Paris can join the Lenôtre Ecole des Amateurs Gastronomes (00 33 1 45 01 71 71) in the Avenue Victor Hugo for a day course for Fr980 (£125) or half a day for Fr570 (£72); each session is dedicated to a single subject — pastries, sauces, or terrines — and is led by bilingual tutors. The school is open six days a week, and students may take the results of their labours away. Five half-day tickets cost Fr2,280 (£260).

Safe chalet

A FORMER Resistance safe house during the Second World War — a plaque commemorates four local members shot for their activities in the area — perched on the slopes above Méribel, is one of the more unusual chalets on offer to skiers from the skiing specialists Meriski (01451 844 788).

The chalet was converted after the war into a small hotel patronised by the French glitterati, and also by Lord Hunt after his successful Everest expedition, and is now a comfortable base for eight people, situated by one of the 1992 Olympic pistes. It can only be reached on skis or on foot and an all-inclusive week costs from £529.

Ibiza has a new image

Chips are off

WITH IBIZA sloughing off its lager-and-chips reputation following a government-funded billion peseta clean-up, Magic of Spain (0181-748 4220) has introduced the island into its 1997 programme with houses, villas and small hotels in the countryside, above the genuinely unspoilt resort of Cale Vadella, and in the heart of D'Alt Vila, the picturesque old city of Ibiza Town.

The Hotel El Palacio is built into the original city walls and decorated in Hollywood style — the James Dean and Marilyn Monroe suites are adorned with their personal possessions. A week's B&B costs from £775.

Today's stars flock to Pikes, the exuberantly decorated 15th-century farmhouse, costing from £615-£879 B&B per week.

Fun boat

P&O (0171-800-2222) has introduced a Scrabble cruise, hosted by a former national Scrabble champion, and the Schweppes Sporting Challenge, which will feature a selection of sporting celebrities and include quizzes and games with ticket prizes for major sporting events. P&O is also featuring the popular Archers cruise again in its 1997 programme.

Marco Polo

ORIENT Lines is featuring a growing number of themed cruises on its ship, the *Marco Polo*. Topics include wildlife of the Indian Ocean with David Bellamy, the television naturalist, as guest lecturer, bowls with the former world champion David Bryant, astronomy and wines of the world. A 17-day gardening theme cruise in March 1996 visiting Australia and the Java Sea, features the writer and broadcaster Nigel Colborn. Prices start at £2,245.

Women only

HOLIDAYS for women only — single, separated, divorced or married but "without encumbrances" are offered in Ayia Napa, Cyprus, by Aphrodite Tours (0161-477 4521).

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Chocolate soldiers set for war

The opposing armies face one another across the Place de la Madeleine, waiting each morning for battle to commence. In the right-hand corner, uniformed in brown, is Fauchon, and in the left, wearing red, Hédiard.

Paris's grandest food emporia — sworn enemies — watch each other's every move. Their weaponry is displayed in terrifying price tags and competing window displays, oozing with crystallised fruit, slabs of chocolate and autumn game birds.

Fortunately for any serious foodie, or even foodie-voyeur, there are reasons to go to both shops for each has its strengths. Fauchon is the more exhaustive, with 20,000 products, enormous fresh food counters and a daily patisserie display to die for.

Hédiard has a smaller range of 6,000 products, but is in some ways "plus snob", as the Parisians say, with its exquisite red and black packaging and pungent smell of coffee.

Auguste Fauchon's empire started as an exotic fruit stall on the Madeleine 110 years ago, and has expanded to cover half a block, including five restaurants. Ferdinand Hédiard had a head start, however, opening his first spice and fruit shop in Paris in 1850, and moving to the Madeleine in 1854.

M Fauchon claims to have brought the first avocados to the city and was forced to give them away to doubting customers. However, M Hédiard was first with the pineapple, tested on his friends Eugene Delacroix and Alexandre Dumas.

Thus the noble lineage of neither shop is in doubt. Fauchon is rather old-fashioned, but behind every counter is an expert who will go into extreme detail if encouraged. A sommelier will take you on a tour of the stone wine cellar, stretching in a warren under the streets, pointing out Taittinger champagne in bottles designed by Roy Lichtenstein, and an affordable little Pouilly Fuissé at Fr44.

In the patisserie window at present there are slices a foot tall, topped by an enormous cherry, each slice being a cake in itself, concreted in chocolate. The tourists are forced to buy less fragile items so the English buy mustard and the Japanese buy tea, both easily obtained on native soil. Then there are Fr15 jams, including rose petal and jasmine.

Hédiard also does extraordinary jams and jellies in small, home-made style batches, including a curious marmalade with entire slices of orange packing the jar. The coffee counter will grind beans and brew a test cup of your chosen blend, and there are teas by the dozen, some set out for tasting beneath signs saying: "The 1996 first flush Darjeeling has arrived!"

The shop has modernised, however, and there are four Hédiards in Paris and distributors throughout the world. Its first-floor restaurant was refurbished last year in cherrywood and colonial-style chairs covered in fake leopard and zebra skin, and is a chic, but not cheap, place for lunch.

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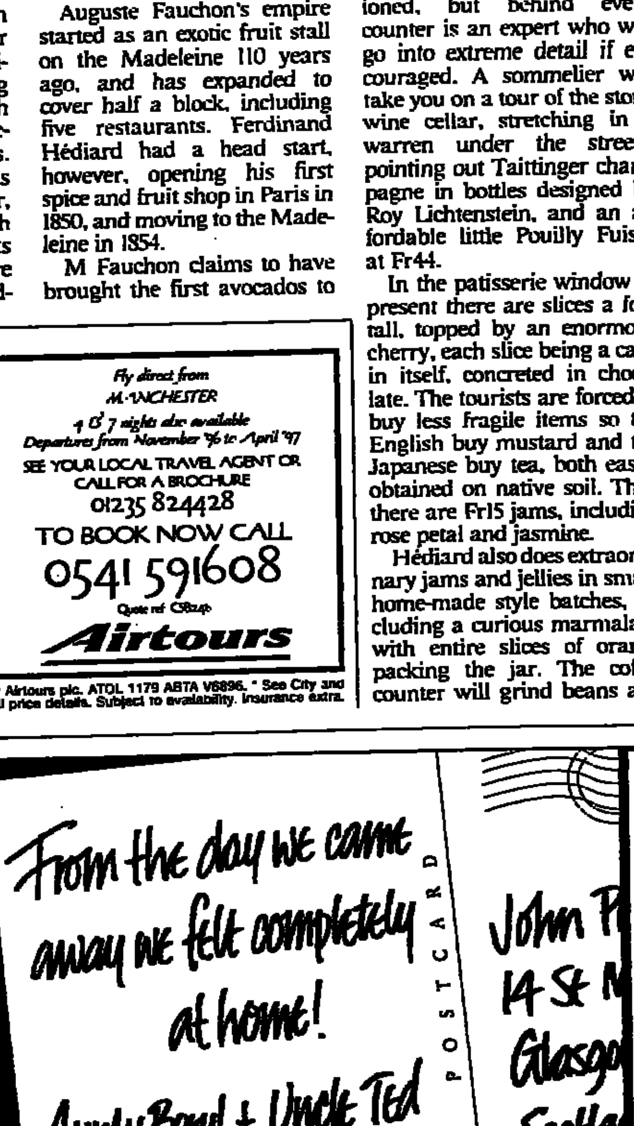

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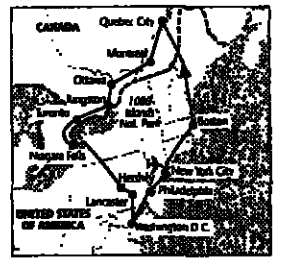

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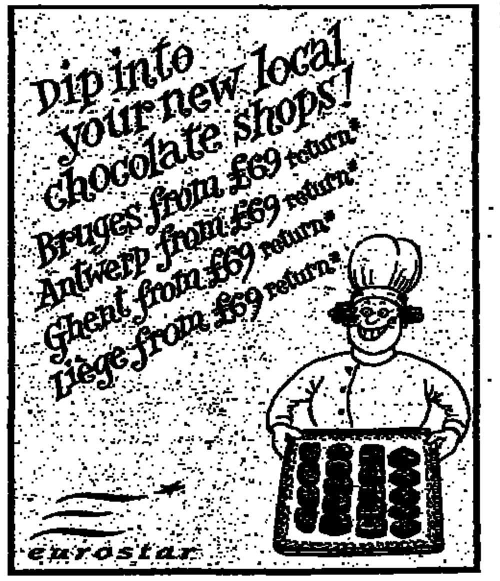

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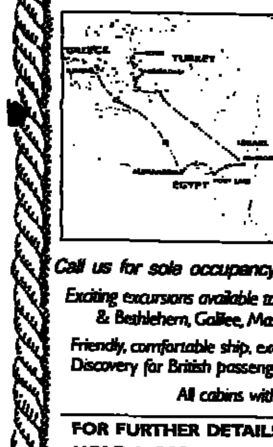

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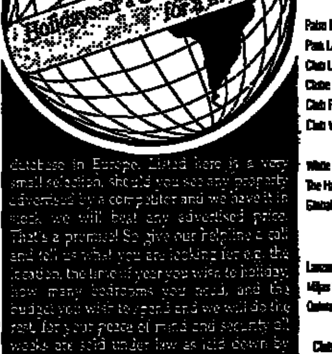
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Club La Santa Sport	Lanzarote	38	September	HIGH	4	£1,599
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Club Flamingo	Lanzarote	18-41	March-Oct	HIGH	4	£1,599
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Global Sunset Bay	Tenerife	14/15+ 30/31/32/ 33/34	Easter/Aug	HIGH	6	£1,850
Lanzarote Beach Club	Lanzarote	52	Dec/New Yr	HIGH	4	£1,899
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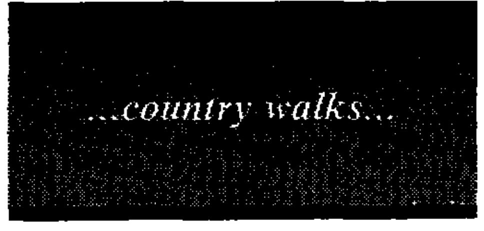

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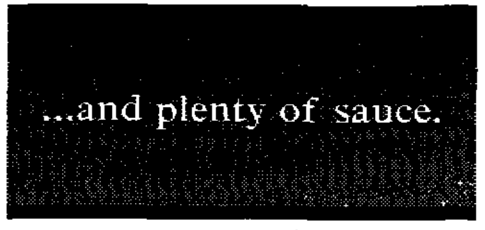

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'THE World is a comedy to those who think; a tragedy to those who feel' - Horace Walpole. Are you one or both of these? If you're a mature (mid to late 40s, 50s, early 60s), easy going, thinking man who is also compassionate but can see the funny side of life; if art, music, landscape, good food and good wine are essential to your wellbeing; if you are single and seeking a lively attractive female friend with GSOH to share some or all of these. Bath, Bristol, West of London. Please Reply to Box No 9275

THREE gorgeous successful, independant females mid to late 30's seek attractive, succesful down to earth and mentally challenging males 32-42. Music interests, Oasis to Mahler. London/Home Counties Photo essential. Bx 9310

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TWO tall, slim, attractive women early 40's, intelligent & fun, one blonde & one brunette, London based seek two tall handsome professional men for friendship & possible long term relationship. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9125

WARM affectionate blue eyed lady, N/S, 30's, no children, Surrey WLTM confident solvent man 40-60 with old fashioned manners to snuggle up and settle down with. Recent photo plse. Box No 9387

WARM, vivacious, intelligent woman of infinite unfulfilled possibility, enjoys real quality in life (good food, cinema, gardens and theatre) would like to find fun and friendship with a special man: might be 45-55, experienced prof, must be caring, considerate and confident (West Midlands). Please Reply to Box No 9257

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WORCS. professional lady, mid fifties, tall, slim, attractive, enjoys travel WLTM solvent, sincere, tall, honest professional/ business gentleman for long term commitment. Reply with photo to Box No 9278

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ADVENTUROUS Woman Graduate (French/International Relations), 50, interested ideas, attractive, seeks caring, protective man for love, laughter, commitment. Living Kent, willing re-locate UK/overseas. Please Reply to Box No 8886

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ATTRACTIVE, professional, lively woman (40) with lots of interests *seeks a tall (over 6') professional*, good looking, energetic man with a great s.o.h. 35-45, for fun, travel, travel, romance and (maybe) more. Box No 8906

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CURRENTLY based in Wales, is a witty, trifle quirky, lateral-thinking, perceptive, sensitive, well-travelled, art-school graduate, Scottish, feisty (but loving) 54 yr. old lady who seeks a like-minded, n/s, romantic man, solvent, in his 50s and interested in sharing life's vicissitudes. Pls Reply to Box No 8979

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DUTCH woman, 1.67m, slim, good looking, separated, 56, loves sunny holidays, dancing, good conversation, homelike type, looks for a similar penpal/friend, who likes to dress casual like myself, min length 1.75m, age until 56. Photo would be nice. Please Reply to Box No 8950

EASTERN Persian lady, (London) divorced, attractive, young 50, petite 5' 2", fair complexion. Affectionate/caring. Animal lover. Seeks genuine, sincere attractive tall prof. man (45-60) London/Surrey. Please send recent photo to Box No 8971

ELEGANT, slim, blue-eyed blonde, 5'4", late 40's, divorced, son at Uni. Articulate, humorous, loyal, loving, likes theatre, cinema, travel, music. WLTM tall, professional, solvent, humorous, genuine male for permanent relationship. Late 40's/early 50's. London/SE. Photo essential. Box No 9044

ELEGANT, tall and attractive prof. female, enjoys the Arts, dining and sport, WLTM well educated, successful, prof./business man, 40-50, 6' +, fit, n/s, London. Please reply with photo to Box No 8891

FUN loving, attractive, blue eyed bubbly blonde. 30 something Kitten seeks n/s Tom Cat with GSOH for lasting relationship. Herts/Home Counties. Recent photo and phone number appreciated. Reply Box 8942

GENUINE, humorous, professional man, who enjoys life, sought by attractive, slim, intelligent, feminine brunette, young looking/minded, 35, 5'6", who wants to be rescued and taken away to sunnier climes. Box No 9028

GRADUATE 35, single, n/s. would like to settle down with a warm and loving man, in order to share and enjoy life, children, and each other. South of England. Please Reply Box No 9005

GREAT mind, spirit, looks - warm, funny, creative woman, 40, seeks amiable hunk with s.o.h. Please Reply to Box No 8879

HOW about me? I'm 56, divorced, children flown. I love my ½ acre gdn, SW Wilts village & church, grow my own veg, cater a lot & struggle with my figure! I like my comforts but miss my hugs___ and you? Box No 8943

KNIGHT in shining armour wanted! by tall, prof, vivacious lady, 40's, who enjoys country walking, theatre, browsing for antiques, foreign travel. South West based. Please Reply to Box No 9029

LIVELY slim attractive professional lady, fair hair, fit, elegant (5ft-6) seeks tall intelligent enthusiastic man (38-48) to share wine, food, antiques, countryside, theatre and more! South Bucks based. Please Reply to Box No 8842

LIVELY Lady, 62, stylish, cultured, n/s, into fun and the countryside, seeks the company of a sincere, romantic country gentleman. I'm presently selling my business in the Midlands and intending to relocate South. Box No 8987

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GENTLEMEN

ALTERNATIVE therapy, yoga, vegetarian eating out are some of the interests of this attractive 6 ft prof man, 37, N/S, who is kind, caring, easy going. Also enjoys laughing, travel, theatre, keeping fit & walking. Seeks woman for fun, friendship, more. London/SE. Box 9292

AMERICAN, professional, good looking, 46, very GSOH, divorced (kid's and hikes) with homes in New York and Colorado, here in London for 6 months, WLTM considerate, affectionate, v attractive articulate conversationalist, under 45 for long term relationship. Please reply with photo to Box no 9395

AMIABLE male, 53, well-built, physically a little frayed at the edges, interests include sailing, music, countryside, seeks warm, easy-going slightly younger lady. London/ Essex/Kent. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9205

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CARING, N/S single professional man, 36, seeks female companion for friendship/relationship around Midlands. Like travelling, cinema, music, countryside. Photo/letter please. ALA Please Reply to Box No 9152

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I AM 37, male, attractive (all own hair & teeth), intelligent, sensitive & caring. I moved to Gloucestershire with my wife. We divorced two years ago. My business keeps me here & I love it but it seems to be a county populated by couples. Although I've met some possible life partners, no-one has had Factor X. Yes, I'm holding out for love & I know it will be worth it so if you feel the same, please write with a photo. Please be all of the above and fit, naturally slim. Interested in the outdoors (?climbing), travel, adventure & cats. Ideally also be a bit alternative & enjoy food, wine & culture with a small "c". A long list? Well, you might as well know what works for me. Tell me what works for you. Box No 9318

IMPETUOUS, spontaneous businessman with both feet on the ground, 49, N/S, slim, presentable, humorous WLTM challenging, interesting, tactile lady. London/Home Counties. Reply with photo to Box 9244

INTERESTING, articulate, Director 6'1", 43, N/S, dark haired & slim, very fit, loving, adaptable, creative, practical, demonstrative, successful & loyal, GSOH. Many interests including sailing, serious running, avid gardening, varied reading. WLTM slim lady (under 35), a kindred spirit, ready to make a commitment & perhaps start a family. Based in rural Kent. Please reply with photo to Box 9360

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PHARMACIST, 36, single, caring. Likes movies, countryside, eating out, travelling, motoring WLTM single lady 27-40 around Midlands for friendship or lasting relationship. Photo please. ALA. Reply to Box 8685

POLISH background. Young man, 40, honest, kind, joyful, interested in walking, travelling, dancing, cinema WLTM sincere, n/s, single female 30's for friendship/marriage Box 9357

PROF man widower, 69 yrs, near retired seeks special friendship, refined lady, wide interests, N/S. Snapshot helpful. Cambs., Bury St Edmunds. Please Reply to Box No 9107

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PRODUCED in the USA but with English overtones. This eclectic, multifaceted man(36), self assured (sometimes), articulate (even eloquent when the mood takes him), and highly successful seeks a well polished, dynamic, stylish, creative lady (25-32), hopefully cultured, passionate about life & her own woman who can match/ handle his contradictions & intensity (he is a Scorpio). Londonbased. Reply with photo/tel no.to Box 9195

PROFESSIONAL, 6ft, slim, solvent, 20 yrs overseas, fit, young looking 47 WLTM stylish sensuous lady of good taste. London & North. Box No 9625

QUIET guy, attractive, confident successful, good physique seeks feminine, cosmopolitan lady 35+ with GSOH who likes dining, theatre, world travel. London area. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9341

RETIRED male graduate, seeks comfortably built educated woman for friendship, etc. E Surrey. Reply to Box No 9293

ROMANTIC, generous, sociable gentleman, young 62 WLTM sincere, slim, younger lady. If you like sunshine, old Oxfordshire houses & candlelit dinners, please get in touch with photo to Box No 9147

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SOUTH Coast professional man 62, active, fit, successful wishes to meet slim N/S female 40's who wants to enjoy the good things in life. Please reply with photo/tel no. to Box 9164

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SPORTY, attractive, mid-thirties doctor who enjoys travel, socialising and much more WLTM intelligent, attractive, fun-loving female 25-35 for friendship and perhaps long-term relationship. South East/London/Midlands. Please reply with photo. Box No 9204

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SUCCESSFUL businessman with overseas interests, good looking, elegant and well educated, divorced, non smoker living in South East Kent seeks relationship with beautiful elegant cultured lady max 44 who loves countryside as well as travelling abroad. Telephone and photo are essential for immediate contact. Please Reply to Box No 9306

SW1 Male, tall, blond, fit, suntanned easy going 47, very successful and in full flow. Seeks happy attractive young woman, London based. Adventure. Fun, hopefully romance. Photo please. Reply Box 9161

TALL, attractive, successful, professional, 40, 6'3", worldly, witty, hunky, romantic, sexy, very genuine. You're attractive, vivacious, romantic, sincere, voluptuous curvy figure, sexy, feminine, love stockings, high heels, roses, champagne! 35-50. Photo please. London/ surrounds. Reply to Box No 9378

TALL personable, gentle, bearded old reprobate (well 60 actually) seeks mature alluring temptress for delectable, discerning dalliance. Thames Valley Reply to Box No 9102

TALL quiet, Northeast professional male, 46, GSOH, enjoys cinema, theatre, travel, shopping, seeks slim, warm, confident lady, also with GSOH for enjoyable times, possibly more. Please Reply to Box No 9309

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VERY good looking, successful & well travelled businessman, 50, 5'9", caring, romantic & living in the West Country, seeks a beautiful & stylish, well spoken & refined lady, 35-50 who is romantic, caring, tender & loving. Someone very special who can share my varied interests from good music to dining out, log fires & a close loving relationship. Tel no/ photo essential. Reply to Box No 9258

VIENNESE 50's, 6'2", slim, black hair, music lover. N/S, Rolls Royce, unattached, living London SW 1, Rome & Paris wishes curvaceous lady up to 40 who appreciates love, tenderness & fidelity for companionship or more. Photo please Please Reply to Box No 9339

WARM, loving, fit, honest & cuddly Jewish male, adult kids over 20, based in NW London with good looks, charm & character, 55 seeks similar N/S lady for friendship/romance. Photo apprec. to Box No 9261

WELL-HEELED country gentleman, 55, into racing, wine/dine, seeks affluent lady to share life's spills & thrills. E Mids. Photo please to Box No 9352

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YOUNG 46, entrepreneur, enjoys quality of life seeks slim, attractive lady. Oxfordshire M40 Junction 6/7. British Rail 3 mls, photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9223

BEAUTIFUL woman does'nt need handsome man, too much competition to use the mirror. Not being handsome I could be perfect for you. 50ish, 5'8 and fit, worldly, good company and a good listener, London based, smart and quite successful. You might be 30-40 and at a point in your life when you are ready to meet someone more mature. Drop me a line with a photo (essential) & see what develops. Reply to Box No 8976

BUSY prof man, medium build, 55, widowed but had very happy and successful marriage. Committed christian, warm, caring, kind, affectionate. Open confident personality, n/s, varied mainly cultural interests, particularly music. East Midlands based. WLTM 40-50 something, prof/business lady of similar qualities. Attractive, feminine, with own interests, for friendship initially. Recent photo appreciated. Good letter and your phone number please. A.L.A. Please Reply to Box No 9038

CARING romantic and sensitive! Teacher n/s, 50's, wishes to explore arts, travel, love, life with slim lady in her 40's from London or South East. Please reply with photo to Box 8744

CHARMING Company boss, 43, fun loving and stylish. South West based, seeks slim, 30's, bubbly beauty. Photo please. Reply to Box No 8989

CONSULTANT Physician tall dark haired, good looking, in late 40's North Surrey seeks tall slim elegant, attractive lady in 30's or 40's who is warm, tactile, and loves life, intelligence and humour essential to share a fulfilling relationship with poss long term commitment. Please reply with a recent photograph to Box no 9075

COUNTRY land owner, 50, mid Worcestershire, seeks lady 40-50 who likes the countryside to enjoy weekends with, and nights out, with GSOH. Please Reply to Box No 8922

CRUISE the Caribbean. Join us free on our hedonistic adventure on a 50' yacht in early '97. I am a tall well built 41 year old sportsman looking for an intelligent, attractive, gregarious, sensuous lady to enjoy life on the ocean wave Box 8929

DECADENT, cloak wearing history and poetry reading wine drinking, music loving, eccentric smoker 50 seeks an alluring sensuous lady 40-45. Commitment not essential. London, S.East, E.Anglia. Please Reply to Box No 9015

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GAMES

CHESS

by Raymond Keene

The Chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia, is over, and a particular success story was the performance of the English women's team including the new teenage talents of Harriet Hunt and Ruth Sheldon. Susan Lalic (known as a junior by her maiden name of Susan Walker) is a veteran by comparison, and she too turned in an outstanding result. She held her own on the top board against the world's best, winning the bronze medal for individual performance, and will have been especially proud of the following success against the former women's world champion from China.

White: Xie Jun
Black: Susan Lalic
Erevan Olympiad, Sept 1996
Caro-Kann Defence

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5
3 e5 c5

This is a bold gambit continuation, frowned on by theory. 3 . . . Bf5 is the standard move, but it does not allow Black to escape from a complicated middlegame.

4 dxc5. The theoretical recommendation, regarded as strong for White ever since the Tal-Botvinnik world championship match of 1961.

4 . . . Nc6 5 Bb5 e6
6 Be3 Nge7 7 c3 Bd7
8 Nf3

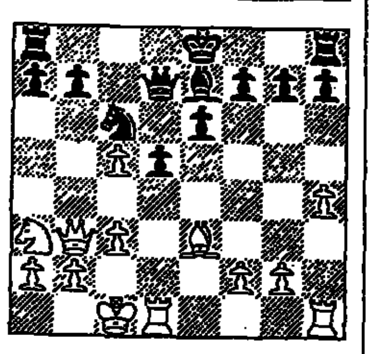
Was this move a blunder, overlooking Black's neat tactical response which regains the pawn, or did White hope to gain time for an attack by returning the material? In any case 8 Bxc6 Nxc6 9 Nf3 Qc7 10 Bd4 cements the extra pawn and gives Black more problems

8 . . . Nxe5 9 Nxe5. If 9 Bxd7+ Nxd7.

9 . . . Bxb5 10 Na3 Bd7
11 Qb3 Nc6 12 Nxd7 Qxd7
13 0-0-0 Be7 14 h4

By returning the pawn, White has gained active play for her pieces, and the Chinese former champion now launches a dangerous strike against the future destination of the black king.

However, Black retains the residual advantage of a sturdy central pawn majority. This could well prove important in future hand to hand fighting.



14 . . . 0-0 15 h5 b6. A bold counter, offering a pawn to open up lines against the white king.

16 h6 g6 17 cxb6 axb6
18 Nc2

If 18 Bxb6 Bxa3 19 bxa3 Rfb8 leaves White badly pinned.

18 . . . Bc5 19 c4 d4. So, Black has avoided losing a pawn, while her central pawn majority has now furnished a passed pawn and is generally on the march.

20 Kb1 e5 21 Bc1 Qe6
22 Rhe1 Rfe8

Also possible is the immediate 22 . . . Na5, but Black prefers to keep this possibility as a threat.

23 f3 Na5 24 Qd3 Nxc4
25 b3 b5!

A wonderful idea. If White accepts the sacrifice with 26 bxc4 then 26 . . . bxc4 followed by . . . Rfb8+ and . . . c3 would give Black an overwhelming attack.

26 Re2 Qa6 27 Ne1 Na3+
28 Bxa3 Bxa3 29 f4 Bf8

Not only clearing the a-file for Black's attack, but targeting White's weakness on h6.

30 fxe5 Rxe5. An unpleasant shock for White. If now 31 Rxe5 Qxa2+ 32 Kc1 Ba3 mate.

31 Rdd2 Rxe2 32 Qxe2 Bxh6
33 Rxd4 Qc6 34 Qc2 Qf6
35 Nf3 Bg7 36 Qc5 Qa6
37 Rd2 b4 38 Qd5 Rc8
39 Qd7 Bh6

White's king is exposed, and resistance is futile.

40 Rd1 Ra8 41 Qa4 Qxa4
42 bxa4 Rxa4 43 Rd7 Ra5
44 Kb2 Bg7+ 45 Kb3 Bc3
46 a4 bxa3

White resigns.

An elegant final point. After 47 Kxc3 a2 Black wins further material.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Agdestein - Wells, Gausdal 1983. The Norwegian Agdestein has achieved the unusual double of becoming a grandmaster while also playing international football for his country. Here, however, he finds himself on the wrong end of a powerful one-two. How did Black win swiftly? Send you answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 ... Rg1+

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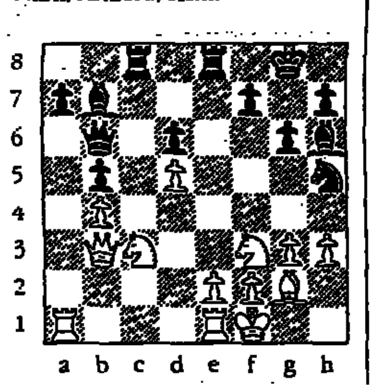

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READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from *The Strand Magazine* (reproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

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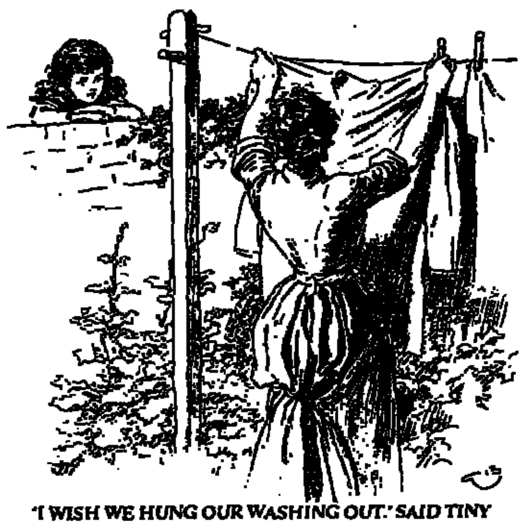

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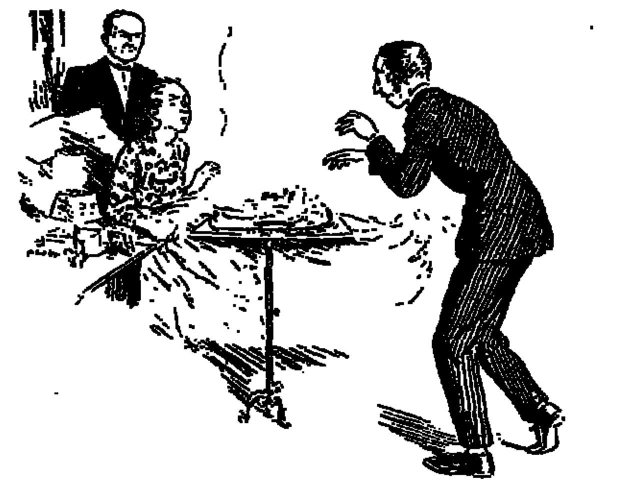


"I can assure you, Inspector, there are no Smarties under my bed"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by A. Davies of Blewbury, Oxfordshire

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BARKING DEER
a. An East End pub
b. A Colour Sergeant
c. The muntjac

GONION
a. Jaw-jaw
b. A pickled onion
c. The point of a frieze

ALKAPTON
a. Bare-headed
b. A Greek vinegar-pot
c. Black urine

DIETL'S CRISIS
a. A severe belly-ache
b. A Balkan demarche
c. A pole-vault technique

Answers on page 21

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

JOHN HOLLAND was the declarer on this hand, played in the trials to select the England team for the 1996/7 Macallan Camrose Trophy (the home internationals).

Dealer South Love all IMPs

♠AJ842
♥K63
♦A8542
♣-

West:
♠Q1073
♥5
♦QJ93
♣AKJ7

East:
♠K985
♥Q8
♦K1076
♣1032

♠-
♥AJ109742
♦-
♣Q98654

S	W	N	E
4H	Dble	6H	Dble
All Pass			

Contract: Six Hearts doubled by South.
Lead: the king of clubs

West's double was for take-out. Even with this intervention, it looks reasonable for North (Michelle Brunner) to bid Six Hearts. East clearly didn't trust her judgment.

Holland ruffed the opening lead in dummy. What now? South can count seven trump tricks in hand (provided the queen falls in two rounds), two ruffs in dummy and the aces of diamonds and spades. That makes eleven tricks.

Possibilities of a twelfth trick are a) that East may have doubleton 10 or jack of clubs, in which case leading the queen will mean the declarer can later establish a club trick; b) the queen of hearts may be singleton, in which case all dummy's hearts may be used for ruffing. A further point is that, if diamonds or spades split 4-4, dummy's fifth card in that suit can be set up. Spades are the more likely candidate, as if either East or West had five they might have bid them.

At trick two Holland cashed the ace of spades; he then ruffed a spade in hand, and tried his first chance of a twelfth trick by leading the queen of clubs. When West covered he ruffed in dummy: disappointingly, no honour fell from East. After a spade ruff in hand and a third club ruff with the king of hearts, he ruffed a third spade in hand. By this time dummy's last spade had been set up and this was the position (South on lead):

♠J
♥-
♦A8542
♣-

West:
♠-
♥5
♦QJ93
♣J

East:
♠-
♥Q8
♦K1076
♣-

♠-
♥AJ107
♦-
♣98

When all followed small to the ace of hearts the second chance of a twelfth trick had gone. One last chance — South exited with a heart. East had to win and play a diamond, and dummy's thirteenth spade and ace of diamonds took care of South's losing clubs. What Terence Reese used to call a "watch and wonder" hand — fascinating how it unfolded.

You see the lead to beat the slam? A trump.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott

WHEN YOU DANCE, do you look like an epileptic fish out of water, wriggling around on wobbly legs as if you had ants in your pants? If so the name of your affliction, and it's a word we don't hear so much these days, is "cakewalking". The Cake Walk requires erratic, frolicking quicksteps and was a craze which gripped American dance halls in the 1890s.

It has survived, and can be seen on the dance floor of most happening rave events coming to a field in the middle of nowhere near you soon. Something else which is still with us thanks to "cakewalking" is the syncopatic music era it inspired, Ragtime.

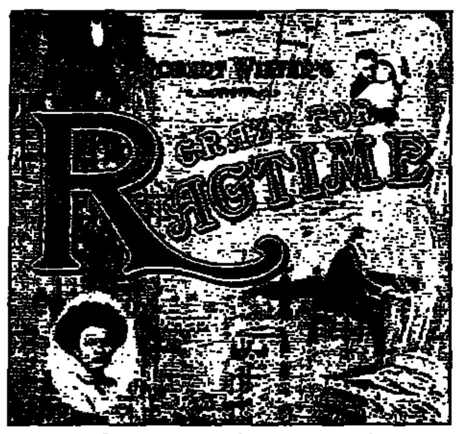
For those of you whose knowledge of rag is little more than Paul Newman's 1972 movie *The Sting*, then you need Robert Winter's **Crazy for Ragtime** which is a music treasury, as finely tuned as they come. Winter has overseen a sublime project delivered with as much upbeat energy as the musical style it is appraising.

The story of rag is told effortlessly by Winter, illustrated with sensational archive clips, but he leaves the music to speak for itself on over 50 interactive tracks. You can listen to everything from Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer* (1902) and *Maple Leaf Rag* (1899) to the lesser-recognised but equally delicious Adaline Shepherd's hot foot-tapper *Pickle and Peppers* (1906).

As the audio tracks play you can simultaneously follow the music on the score, with a floating cursor box to help you keep up. You can change the instruments used — from concert piano, Hammond organ and harpsichord to bird tweet. You can also play around with the modulation, at the risk of turning them into something so painful Les Dawson could have dashed them off.

Equally absorbing is the compose-your-own department, where you can mix'n'match musical phrases to compose uniquely individual rags. From MacMillan Interactive Publishing, the title comes on dual-format CD-Rom for Mac and PC.

Attica and EMI Classics have collaborated to produce **Orchestra**, a PC CD-Rom which comes with two discs, the other being an audio CD performance of The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, penned by Benjamin Britten in 1946. Sir Simon Rattle plays host here, introducing us to The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performing Britten's guide.



Crazy for Ragtime is illustrated with some sensational archive clips

Mr Rattle and the body of the title do not roam far from Britten's theme though what you get looks and sounds great. But a golden opportunity to sprinkle a little musical invention into the mix for the benefit of young would-be composers has been missed.

Home music mixing in the Nineties calls for Data Becker's **Techno Maker** CD-Rom, in which you lay your own techno tracks using a combination of 140 audio samples. External samples can also be included and rearranged in your creations. The packaging claims, overzealously, that this software is all you need to "get into the charts with your own creations", which says too much about the state of today's music charts. Still, the results are good enough to keep you locked into your compositions well into the wee hours. The tackiest musical title I've come across for a long time is **Music Maker** from Steinberg Music Sales. This CD-Rom comes with a tiny plastic keyboard which fits over a few rows of keys on the QWERTY computer keyboard. Once in place, so long as your fingers aren't too big and topple it, you play along with 15 classics — *House of the Rising Sun, Everybody Wants to Rule The World, Back in the USSR* and so on. Music Maker has all the might of a squeaky early Casio but fortunately novelty compensates for tack. With the dainty keyboard in place, you play song melody lines if you're up to it. Variations permit those with little musical ability to hear all the right notes even if they depress all the wrong keys, while Drum Along lets you pound backing beats with a choice of tinny kits. Bob Geldof is 42 today and if you're short of a present for him you could do worse than a Music Maker. Alternatively, you could instantly order him a CD from the UK's newest music shop.

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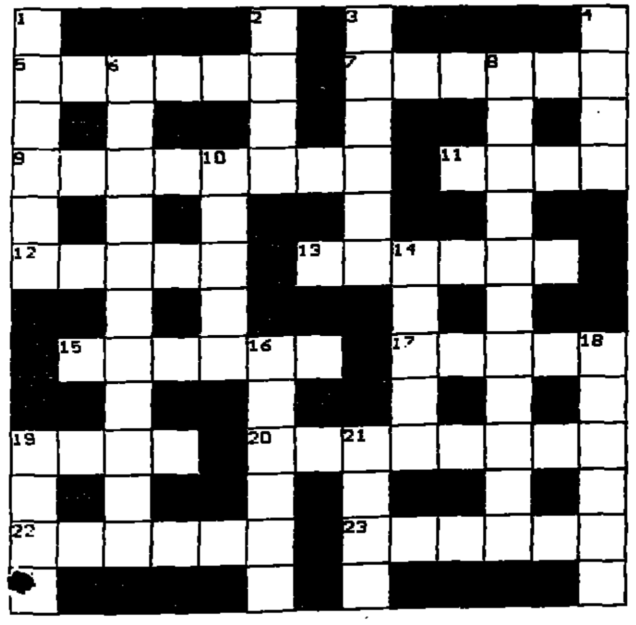

No 905

ACROSS
5 Pay to protect (6)
7 Hired killer (3,3)
9 A fish; be out of one's depth (8)
11 A defect (4)
12 (Bird) settle to sleep (5)
13 Soft breeze (6)
15 Cheap material, esp. cloth (6)
17 Copy another's words; price a job (5)
19 Be suspended (4)
20 List of dates, events (8)
22 Blaise —, wrote *Pensées* (6)
23 Belittle (6)

DOWN
1 Steal pettily (6)
2 Supply (input); eat (4)
3 Accuse; run into attack (6)
4 "To see the cherry hung with —" (*Housman*) (4)
6 Informal vote (4,2,5)
8 Pamper (11)
10 Wrote down; famous (5)
14 (Fit of) resentment (5)
16 Submissive (6)
18 Small task (6)
19 Earnest wish; confidence (4)
21 Open-air swimming-pool (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 904

ACROSS: 2 Bagpipes 6 Girder 8 Carpet 9 Bellows 10 Eerie 12 Sanguinary 16 Taskmaster 18 Eaves 20 Snuggle 21 Valley 22 Saturn 23 Sheepish

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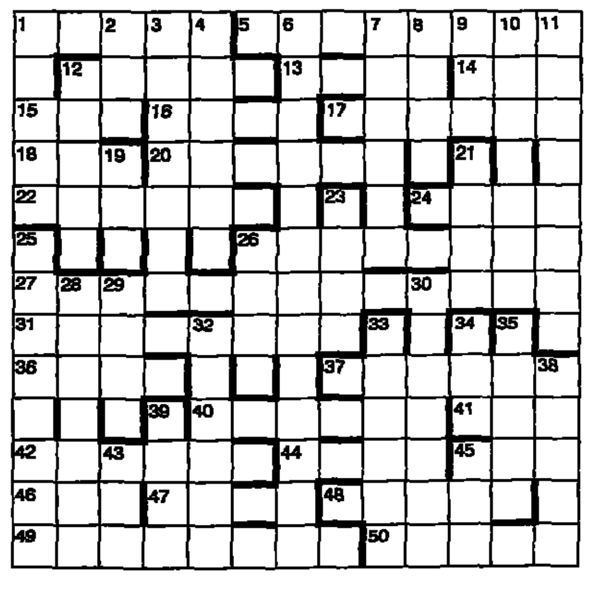
ACROSS
1 *Order Collins Concise?* (5)
5 Stags are running risks (8)
12 Baker's speciality? Spread in it has turned (5)
13 *In the year before Wimbledon finalists return...*(4)
14 ...what separates them is clear (3)
15 Jackdaw's cry? A Scottish one's weak (3)
16 *Joke in St Andrews about university pub* (4)
17 Muscular function with an end to dystrophy (6)
18 Young child's bone (3)
20 *Rickety pile? Ignore false piety* (6)
22 Can she possibly make ready? (6)
24 Monkey — he's escaped from jet (4)
26 An extra seen briefly in sketch (8)
27 Distrait home spectators half follow batsmen out (6-6)
31 Towing vehicle back needs constant period of time (8)
36 Every one's a preacher at heart (4)
37 A further proof concerning power and energy (6)
40 With lobes unequal and greatly distorted — no good (6)
41 700,000 pounds per square inch (3)
42 Interest amounting to 29d (6)
44 Swedish botanist's pulse (4)
45 Wingless fly infesting flock with edacity? (3)
46 Is it real? Take it anyhow! (3)
47 Gram — donkey's back unaffected by a gram (4)
48 Long for Coe to lap Ovett just one time (5)
49 *Fish always inside propping up the bar?* (8)
50 Keep navy in harbour (5)

DOWN
1 Wash railway truck (5)
2 Leash? Yes, maybe, initial research suggests (3)
3 Curling erratically without aid, like a tendril (7)
4 I should become chief — the veteran isn't in touch (6)
6 A variety of dark green mate in English — ? Possibly! (6-6)
7 A *number lacking in understanding and opinionated* (6)
8 Improvised on Porter's last lyric (4)
9 Reginald's girl (3)
10 Time off work — once — is okay by school governors (7)
11 Summons up missing energy to practise xylophone (8)
12 Throughout 80% of solo by German (6)
19 What a disgusting settlement! (3)
21 Where boys and girls learn to get half plastered (4)
23 Aged surgeon involved in *old-fashioned crisis* (4)
25 Parliamentary dithering — not I pray typical of *our* Parliament? (8)
26 Forget attache's rank (4)
28 Dispute our viewpoint? (7)
29 Benefit from a drink in Tokyo? (4)
30 Erected fine toilet on waste lands newly reclaimed (7)
32 *Tucker in good condition* (6)
33 Bizarre circus man possessing spirit (6)
34 Play truant in brothel (3)
35 One with pretensions to being...a starlike figure (5)
38 Relatively young eyes — fish spotted in nanoseconds (5)
39 A number of bits by Telemann — the final six are lost (4)
43 Trust no vehicle (Hill) (3)
45 — up in a Rover? (3)



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Solution to 3376: The Plays of the Bard — III

'Forbear to judge' - words meaning 'to judge' omitted from answers. Across: 14) over-ruled; 17) rehearsers; 22) Findhorn; 35) findram, 41) perforate. Down 2) oversees; 3) redeems; 8) truantry; 25) Andesite; 30) all-seer; 32) narrated; 39) fratry. 'For we are sinners all' — 'sinners' hidden in quotes in jumbled *form, interruptedly* in 15.

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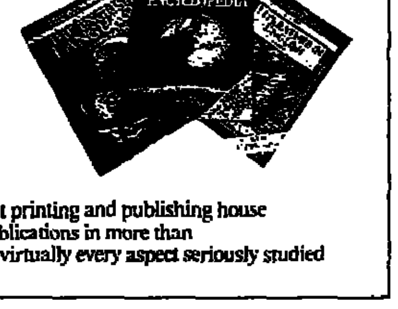

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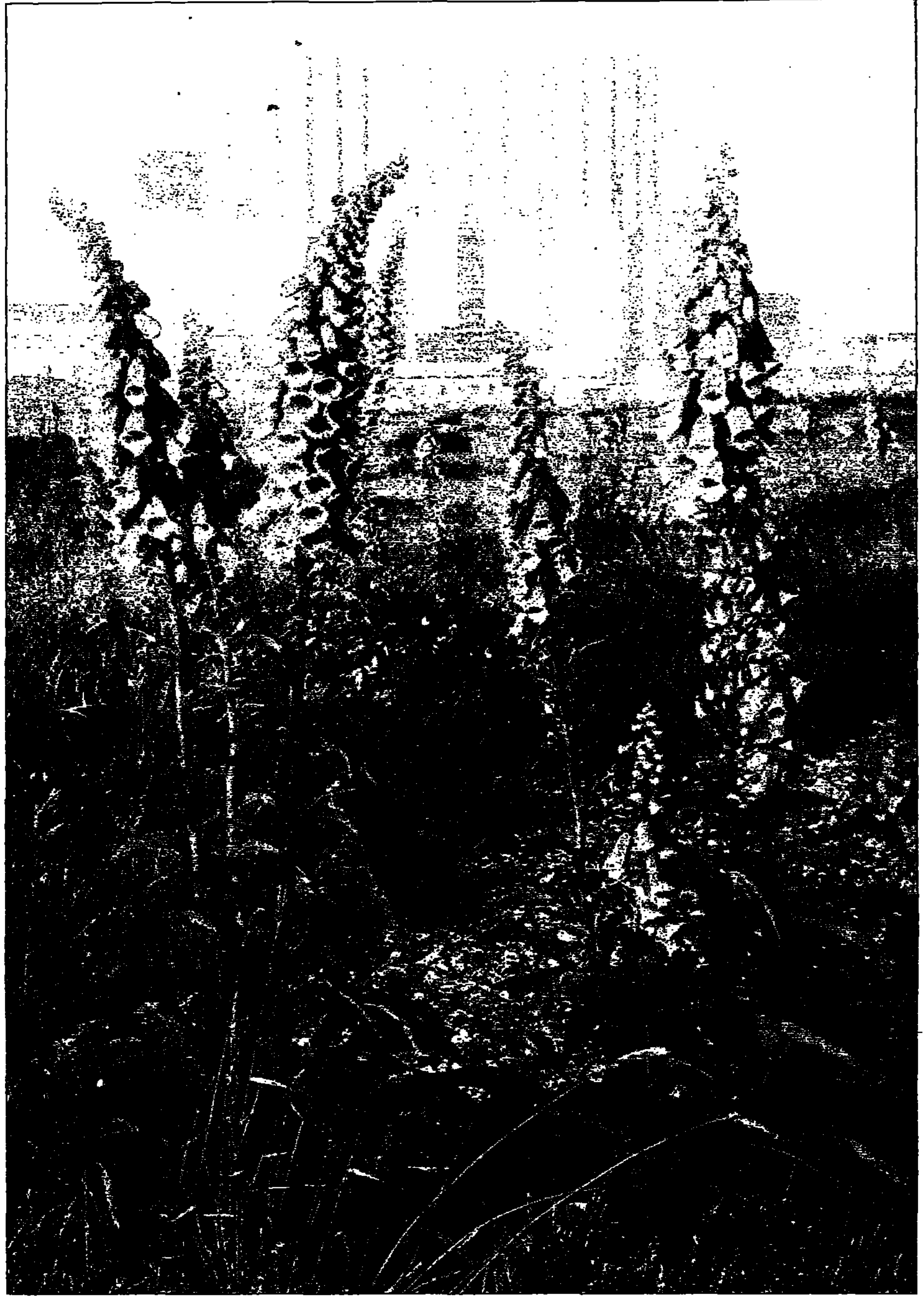

Foxgloves, the "witches thimbles" of medieval herbalists, standing their ground in the landscape of a nuclear age. Plant-based drugs such as digoxin from foxgloves have now been brought into mainstream medicine through scientific trial and error

HERBAL HISTORY

Folk lore and fiction

The use of wild plants in herbal and folk medicine is on the increase in Britain again — although it is a highly subjective business and rarely tested scientifically. *Personal faith, idiosyncratic* sensitivities and mode of use all influence the results.

But there have been some discernible traditions. Most remedies must have been discovered by trial and error. In more recent times, trial and error as a scientific discipline has brought plant-based drugs into mainstream medicine — for example, digoxin from foxgloves.

It is hard for us to imagine the awe with which plants were held in a pre-scientific age. Barely distinguishable species could feed you, poison you or drive you mad. It is no wonder that all manner of theories were developed to explain and predict their effects. The most popular system was sympathetic magic. This was based on a search for analogy, association and pattern within nature, and in the belief that like (or sometimes unlike) would cure like. Ivy berries would cure drunkenness, because ivy strangles vines. Some authors believed that windy food-plants such as lentil could protect (by repulsion) a garden from gale damage.

It is easy to mock these beliefs as primitive and superstitious, but they were based on observation and an ecological outlook. Sadly, in the expansive, market-driven climate of the 17th and 18th centuries, they began to be vulgarised by commercial herbalists into the Doctrine of Signatures. This decreed that all plants had been "signed" by the Creator with some physical clue to their medicinal qualities. Yellow flowers were marked out for jaundice. The blotchy, oval leaves of lungworts were ordained for diseased lungs. But the doctrine was responsible for probably the bulk of the *materia medica* in the written herbal tradition.

Yet there is a third strand of indigenous plant medicine, often overlooked in the written herbal tradition, in which both the above strands were rooted. "Folk medicine" relies on native plants, but is essentially an oral tradition, derived from experience mixed with family and local customs and a dash of superstition. Although the medicinal history of many plants is included in *Flora Britannica*, the evidence of current use is chiefly confined to this last category. Given the local nature of the folk-medicine tradition, it is surprising how much agreement there is about effective plants. There were about six species that were recommended from personal experience, from all over Britain, and by mainstream practitioners, too.

Plants on holy ground were considered especially strong

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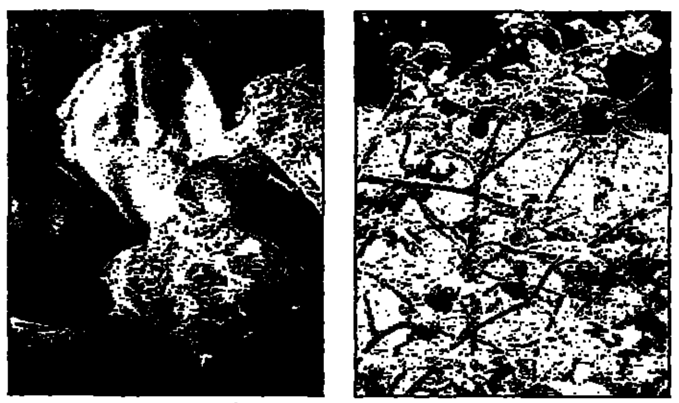

Horse chestnut, left, is used in shampoos and gels, while rose-hip syrup is still made from farmed "wild" roses

■ ***Bog-myrtle***

The aromatic resins have been used for scenting candles, and the whole plant is still used as an insect repellant. In 1995 a midge-repellant based on bog-myrtle, Myrica, appeared on the market. It was produced from wild myrtle gathered by crofters on the Isle of Skye. Eight volunteers each had one arm covered in a gel made from the essential oil and the other left untreated. Over ten minutes, the untreated arms recorded 155 bites while the treated arms received just 13.

■ ***Broad-leafed dock***

Still universally used to rub on nettle stings, dock has also been used as a more serious salve by adults. One contributor wrote: "My grandmother's practice was to collect young dock leaves before breakfast. These were still wet with dew. They were thoroughly washed before being added to pure melted pigs' lard. The mixture was allowed to reduce on a low heat until the residue was a pale green colour, after which it was strained into clean jars and, when set, sealed. This ointment was used for the treatment of piles."

■ ***Common valerian***

The clusters of pinkish-white flowers, out from late June to August, have a high vanilla-like perfume, which can become overpowering. The dried roots, by contrast, have a stale, rancid smell. (Valeric acid occurs both in the plant and in human perspiration.) Cats are fascinated by the smell and react in the same intoxicated way as they do to cat-mint. The roots have quite strong sedative properties, and an extract from them is found in many proprietary herbal tranquilisers. It is reputed to have been one of the drugs of which Hitler was fond.

■ ***Dandelion***

Dandelion has long been used as a herbal diuretic and laxative. Its reputation has been confirmed scientifically. It contains high levels of potassium, an element that is removed from the body when urine production is stepped up.

■ ***Foxglove***

The foxglove was once widely used in folk medicine, despite its high toxicity. Infusions of the leaves were given for sore throats and catarrh, and compresses for ulcers, swellings and bruises. But it was most frequently employed as a diuretic against dropsy. The 18th-century botanist and physician William Withering realised that the leaf's principal action was on the heart. He found that the leaf could be an invaluable help in the treatment of heart failure. His insistence on the use of small and accurately measured quantities of dried foxglove leaf ("digitalis") led to a new discipline in the prescription of powerful plant drugs and eventually to the isolation and purification of the foxglove's active principles digitoxin and digoxin, still used as heart stimulants.

■ ***Horse chestnut***

The soap-like chemicals (saponins) conkers contain are added to some shampoos and shower-gels to enhance their "natural" image. German scientists have discovered that aescin, extracted from the nuts, is an effective remedy for sprains and bruising. The British Forestry Commission expects to grow 5,000 to 10,000 acres of horse-chestnuts to supply pharmaceutical firms.

■ ***Nettle family***

The idea of using nettle stings as a counter-irritant, to "warm away" inflammations, has some roots in sympathetic magic, but it also has a degree of practicality. According to the Elizabethan antiquary William Camden, the Romans, well aware that Britain would be cold, brought nettle with them to rub on their skins. One contributor wrote: "Both my mother and I use this plant on any joint that gives painful symptoms. The treatment is simple — sting the joint liberally with the plant, and if possible move the joint well immediately after application. Some relief is felt within 30 minutes, but the gently tingling warmth is felt for many hours."

■ ***Rose-hips***

During the Second World War, rose-hips came into their own in the form of rose-hip syrup. Nutritional scientists had known since the 1930s that wild hips had a higher proportion of vitamin C than any other common fruit or vegetable. (A cup of rose-hip pulp provides more vitamin C than 40 fresh oranges.) The syrup is still made commercially today, though from farmed "wild" roses, and many country-dwellers still make syrup, often following instructions given by the Ministry of Food in their booklet *Hedgerow Harvest* (1943). The hips have to be collected in late summer when they have just turned red, to maximise the vitamin C content. The process involves mincing, stewing and then, crucially, straining through a jelly-bag to remove the prickly seeds, which can be a dangerous internal irritant. Boiled again with sugar and reduced, the hips make a syrup.

■ ***Willow family***

Bitter infusions of willow bark were employed as a remedy for chills, rheumatism and "the ague". The remedy worked, and in the 19th century the active ingredient was isolated from willow bark and meadowsweet. This led in 1899 to the synthesis of what was to become the world's most widely used drug, which the pharmaceutical company Bayer called aspirin, after the botanical name for meadowsweet, *Spiraea ulmaria*.

CURING PLANTS

The healing powers of 'knit-bone'

Comfrey is often found at the wayside

Among the nationwide contributors to *Flora Britannica*, these three plants were reported as being most helpful:

Comfrey, ***Symphytum officinale***, the native Common comfrey, ***S. x uplandicum***, Russian comfrey and ***S. asperum***, Rough comfrey — the most common species — tend to be used interchangeably in herbal medicine.

As can be guessed from its surviving common names — knitbone, nip-bone, ass-ear — comfrey is still used as a healing poultice, for sprains, bruises and abrasions, and with more apparent success than almost any other herbal medicine. Comfrey (probably a corruption of the Latin *conferva*, a healing waterplant mentioned by Pliny, whose name is related to the verb *confervere*, to grow together) contains allantoin, which promotes healing in connective tissue. The medieval herbalists knew the plant as "boneset", and the root was lifted in spring, grated and used much as plaster of Paris is today. The whole plant was regarded as a master-healer and was used for everything from drawing splinters to easing backache.

Today, the uses are just as various. A contributor wrote: "I work as a GP, and one of my patients had a coronary artery bypass recently. The lower end of the long leg wound failed to heal despite numerous standard dressings of different medical products. After an interval of a few days I visited the house to find a beaming patient. The leg wound was healed. He was delighted to tell me he had made an infusion of comfrey from his own plants and applied dressings soaked in the infusion."

Similar stories of use on ageing and arthritic joints come from many places, including an old people's home in Staffordshire. Its use even extends to household pets. Another contributor wrote: "I used it in a poultice for a dog after a road accident — his fur grew back, so I used it on a bald guinea pig, whose fur also grew back."

The old practice of taking regular comfrey infusions or concentrated tablets for gastric ulcers and colitis is now discouraged, as the plant contains alkaloids that can cause liver damage. But comfrey was eaten quite widely in the Second World War and the occasional young leaf eaten as a salad, or fried in batter is unlikely to cause any problems.

Feverfew, ***Tanacetum parthenium***. As its name suggests, feverfew was a medicinal herb given for colds and fevers. In fact it was almost the classical and medieval world's aspirin, recommended for headaches, rheumatism, and general aches and pains. It reached Britain from the Balkans during the early Middle Ages. It has become one of the great success stories in herbal medicine and had its reputation vindicated by the City of London Migraine clinic. In 1978, after a newspaper story about a woman who had rid herself of migraines by chewing feverfew leaves daily, Dr Stewart Johnson decided to undertake a long-term survey of 270 feverfew-takers (partly to ensure that they were not harming themselves). The results were remarkable. After a leaf a day for three months, 70 per cent reported a significant decrease in the frequency or severity of their attacks. A third appeared to have abolished their attacks altogether. These results were confirmed by a more rigorous trial (*BMJ*, August 31, 1985). The active chemicals have now been isolated and shown to work by stopping blood vessels in the brain going into spasm, believed to be the immediate "cause" of migraines. Many sufferers now make feverfew pills, sandwiches or nibble the leaves.

Greater celandine, ***Chelidonium majus***. The custard-yellow, buttercup-sized flowers of greater celandine would not immediately make you place it in the poppy family. But cut the stalk or leaves, and the latex characteristic of the family (orange in this species) oozes out. The latex has a successful role in herbal medicine as a wart-remover. This always may have been its role in folk medicine; and the reason it is so often found in rough ground close to buildings may be because it was once a common plant in cottage physick gardens.

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